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Provincial Legislature

Yesterday Afternoon Occupied With Discussion of E. & N. Settlers' Rights.

Leader of Opposition Severely Criticised For Hair Splitting Policy.

Supreme Court Procedure Bill Is Completed—The Night Session.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2 o'clock p. m.

CORRECTION.

By a typograpical error in yesterday's report Mr. Hall was mentioned as moving the second reading of the Master and Servant bill. It should have read Mr. Wells.

B. C. HALIBUT.

Mr. Clifford moved the following resolution:

Whereas the deep sea fishing for halibut on the coast of British Columbia is yearly assuming larger proportions;

And whereas the New England Fish Company, an American company, has two steamers constantly employed, and is making regular shipments over the C. P. R. to Eastern markets;

And whereas the steamers employed by the New England Fish Company are American bottoms;

And whereas American companies using American bottoms practically control the trade, by reason of their being enabled to get their fish into the American markets duty free;

And whereas, owing to these facts, no Canadian company using Canadian bottoms can compete with any hope of success;

Be it therefore resolved, that the House views with regret this state of affairs, and is of the opinion that an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, asking him to communicate with the Dominion government, protesting against American vessels being allowed the privilege of fishing in our waters and using our harbors, to the detriment of Canadian vessels, Canadian crews and Canadian fishermen.

In support of his motion Mr. Clifford spoke very strongly of the gross injustice under which Canadian fishermen labored at present, and showed how difficult it was for the home fishermen to do business owing to unfair competition of Americans, who had practically no right to fish in these waters. Carried.

ADULTERATED JAMS.

Mr. Tanner moved the following resolution:

Whereas a large percentage of the jams and jellies labeled "genuine" or "pure" which are offered for sale within the province are adulterated;

And whereas the low prices quoted on these articles secure for them a ready sale, to the disadvantage of the pure article;

And whereas the interests of the manufacturers of pure goods, the fruit-growers and the public generally are thereby injured;

Be is therefore resolved, that it is the opinion of this House that an humble address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, respectfully requesting him to urge upon the Dominion government the desirability of the immediate and strict enforcement of the "Pure Foods Act."

And further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Hon. the secretary of state for Canada.

Mr. Tanner gave a very interesting address on his motion, quoting several analyses of the articles mentioned. He hoped the matter would be vigorously passed. Carried.

REPORT.

Mr. Cotton presented the eleventh report from the private bills committee, as follows:

Legislative Committee Room,
5th February, 1904.

Mr. Speaker: Your select standing committee on private bills and standing orders beg leave to report as follows:

That the committee recommend to the House that Rule 67 be suspended, and that the committee be empowered to consider a bill introduced intituled "An Act to amend the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company Act, 1901."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. CARTER-COTTON, Chairman.

The report was received.

The standing rules and orders were suspended and the report adopted.

QUESTIONS.

Mr. Brown asked the Hon. the Attorney-General the following questions:

1. Is John Clayton, stipendiary magistrate at Bella Coola, paid by the year, and if so, what is his salary?

2. Is J. F. Williams, stipendiary magistrate at Rivers Inlet, paid a salary, and if so, what salary?

3. Does Mr. Williams live in Rivers Inlet or in Vancouver?

The Hon. Mr. Wilson replied as follows:

"1 and 2. The gentlemen named are in receipt of no salary.

"3. I do not know. Mr. Williams' commission is for the county of Vancouver, which includes Rivers Inlet. I understand, however, that during the fishing season Mr. Williams resides at Rivers Inlet, and at Vancouver for the balance of the year."

E. & N. SETTLERS.

The adjourned debate on the second reading of the bill to secure to certain pioneer settlers within the E. & N. railway land belt their surface and under-surface rights, was resumed, several members of the opposition addressing the House on the question, much on the lines repeatedly published in connection with this matter.

Mr. McInnes was glad to see that year by year this settler grievance was becoming more prominent as a public question. He then differentiated the terms "settler" and "squatter." He quoted from the debates of the Dominion House regarding the matter, to show that persons who had acquired certain rights upon those lands should have the rights supplemented and supported by act of legislature. He referred to his own act brought in last session, and said the present bill of today went further than his, in defining the term "settler" as one who took up and improved land. The reason why he had objected to the extension of his own bill to squatters was because he did not wish to make the bill extend a pretended relief to the squatters, a relief which in fact could never be applied. He believed that today as he believed it then, but the government had the responsibility for it. If, however, it turned out that these squatters had rights no man in British Columbia would be better

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FIRE AT BUCKINGHAM.

Buckingham, Q., Feb. 5.—Fire broke out in the Commercial hotel about midnight and raged for four hours before it was got under control, destroying property on Main and Joseph streets to the value of about $100,000. There is little insurance.

MURDERER ARRAIGNED.

Saratoga, Feb. 5.—Fracisco Mecorra, who fatally stabbed William W. Wick on Monday night, was today held for the April grand jury on the charge of murder in the first degree.

SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGES.

Injured Postal Clerk Awarded $35,000 Against Railroad.

Lyons, N. Y., Feb. 5.—John E. Pitts, of Coty, Pa., a mail clerk, who was severely injured in a wreck of a fast mail train of the New York Central at Clyde in May, 1902, received a verdict against the company for $35,000 here today. He sued for $75,000. Pitts, both of whose legs and his right arm were paralyzed by a lesion of the spine, was brought into court in a cot.

HANNA HAS TYPHOID.

Great Republican Leader Very Sick at Washington.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Senator Hanna is officially pronounced to have typhoid fever. The following bulletin was issued by his physician immediately after the consultation at 9 o'clock this morning:

"Senator Hanna has typhoid fever. The diagnosis is confirmed by the complete blood examination reported this morning by Dr. Edward Behron. The Senator rested fairly well last night, and this morning his temperature is 100, pulse 82."

President Roosevelt walked over from the White House this morning, personally to enquire after the Senator's condition. He spent ten minutes at the hotel.

Fear To Tackle Montreal Police

Aldermen Absolutely Refuse to Act as Chairman of the Committee.

Oldest Building on St. James Street Falls Prey to the Flames.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—The new city council is having a difficult time getting one of its members to take the chairmanship of the police committee. The reason for this is that in recent years every alderman who has held the place has been beaten on the first occasion of his seeking re-election. If he makes the police see that the laws are obeyed or not, he makes enemies. If he lets things run wide open, he draws down upon his head the wrath of the good element. He is the constant target for criticism, and now no alderman will have the place as a gift, although the committee is one of the most important and the chairman one of the leaders in the council. A caucus held today endeavored to secure the consent of several aldermen to take the position, but one and all refused to have anything to do with it. The probability is that the chairmanship will go to one of the new aldermen willing to take chances.

Fire tonight gutted the premises of the Journal of Commerce, a weekly paper, and seriously damaged the cigar store of A. Hyman underneath. The building burned was the oldest left standing in the central business portion of St. James street. The loss to the Journal of Commerce will reach $50,000, while Hyman's will be $15,000, both fully insured.

M. Rousseau, of Montmagny, has been chosen as Conservative candidate for the bye-election to the House of Commons for Montmagny. His chances for success are accounted good, the convention which nominated him being very large and representative.

Three sleeping inmates of a dwelling at 778 Cadieux street, were suffocated early this morning. Four others were badly burned and injured, two of whom will die. The dead are: Mrs. Edward Crawford, 40 years old; her son, Willie, aged 15, and her son-in-law, James Hogan, 23 years old. Those injured were: Mrs. Ethel Hogan, 22 years, was burned on the hands and face, and her arms were cut; James E. Hogan, 8 months old, will die; Edward Crawford, aged 40, badly burned, will probably die; Thomas Hare, 35 years old, face and hands burned. The fire is supposed to have originated from an overheated stove in the kitchen, which spread to the sleeping apartments before the people in the house were awakened.

IROQUOIS FIRE COMPLICATIONS

Burnt Scenery Owned in England and Was Released Under Bond.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—The United States government has become a party to the complications growing out of the Iroquois fire. "Mr. Bluebeard," said to be the most pretentious extravaganza ever sent out on the road in America, was owned in England and the scenery, costumes and other properties were covered by bond in the New York custom house when they were brought here. The value of the destroyed scenery, wardrobes and effects is variously estimated at from $40,000 to $60,000.

The government, for duties in event of a failure to return the plant to the country of its origin, took a bond of $18,000. British underwriters insured the property in part for the Drury Lane Company, and it is upon them and upon the Drury Lane Company the property loss will fall. Klaw & Erlanger, the American lessees, of the play, who filed the custom bond, are attempting to secure release on the ground that the property is non-existent.

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

Several Sketches by Michael Angelo Brought to Light in Uffizzi Gallery.

Florence, Italy, Feb. 5.—The management of the Uffizzi gallery has discovered eight cartoons upon which are a score of sketches and studies by Michael Angelo. The studies include two nude figures supposed to have been intended for two of the twelve apostles he wished to paint in the Cistine Chapel, and two groups of figures used in his "Deluge" in the same chapel. There are also architectural sketches.

Japan is Determined

Will Refuse to Accept Any Compromise and Will Not Book Interference.

Interview With Minister Hayashi Creates Gravest Fears of Immediate Clash.

Japs Wish to Be Let Alone to Settle Their Score With Russia.

Paris, Feb. 6.—The London correspondent of the Matin says that he has submitted to Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister in London, a translation published in a London evening newspaper of the interview with the minister printed here in the Matin, and which was cabled by the Associated Press, Baron Hayashi declared the Matin correspondent had faithfully reproduced his utterances and that he was ready to repeat them.

Paris, Feb. 5.—Foreign Minister Delcasse presented a review of the Far East situation at a meeting of the cabinet this morning, but the foreign minister says he was unable to acquaint his colleagues with the full contents of the Russian reply, because it had not been received here.

Until war actually begins the French authorities say they will take the view that a peaceful settlement is possible, but that the chance is slight, despite the concessions which Russia is expected to make. At the Russian embassy it was said on Sunday or later there will be news, but there was nothing to justify the pessimistic reports which have been current for the last few days.

An interview published here with Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain has attracted marked attention in the highest government quarters, particularly his declaration that unless Russia signs a treaty carrying out Japan's demands war will result and also his statement that Japan desired to be let alone and will object to any intervention from Great Britain tending towards inducing the acceptance of Russia's reply.

One of the officials in touch with Foreign Minister Delcasse, said that if this interview was genuine as it seemed to be it was of the highest moment as being an indication of the warlike attitude of the Japanese government. Baron Hayashi besides reiterating his former published statement that Japan will insist on a signed treaty recognizing China's rights in Manchuria is quoted as adding: "If Russia refuses this treaty we will fight."

"Is your government unalterably determined on this course?" the minister was asked.

"Absolutely," he is said to have replied. "We will not take promises. Too many promises have been broken and now we insist upon a signed treaty."

The interviewer then asked: "Suppose Russia's answer is conciliatory and reasonable, but refuses to go to the extent of signing the treaty you desire will your government then have recourse to arms?"

"That is precisely what I mean," replied the minister.

"If the government of King Edward VII. asks Japan not to make war," continued the interviewer, "and requests her to accept Russia's reply what will Japan do?"

"We shall greatly object to such intervention even coming from the King. We desire to be left alone in our duel with Russia. We do not want support or assistance. We desire to settle our own account with Russia."

In terminating the interview Baron Hayashi was asked: "Then you say that if refused a signed treaty recognizing China's rights in Manchuria that means war?"

"That will be war," replied the minister.

Baron Hayashi added to the foregoing that he believed it to be the view of his government, and that authority had been given him to announce it.

Th French officials express great surprise at the unqualified statements concerning war, and of Japan's intention not to accede to a British request against war.

The Japanese legation here has no information concerning the interview and declined to comment on it owing to the delicacy of the situation.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 5.—"The Japanese are flying panic-stricken from Vladivostock," cables the correspondent of the Novoe Vremya, "and Japanese storekeepers are sacrificing all they possess in their haste to escape to Japan. Cases of oranges are selling for five cents and furniture is being literally given away. They are practically ruining themselves in their hurry to get away before the outbreak of war."

The news that the note had been sent to Viceroy Alexieff became public here this morning, and caused an increase of anxiety. The Japanese minister, M. Kurino, in response to an urgent message, went early to the British embassy today, where he was closeted with the ambassador, Sir Claude S. Scott, for over an hour.

The people, for the first time, seemed noticeably moved at the prospect of war, gathering in groups to discuss the situation. Increased activity was also apparent at the various ministries, but the high officials, while not attempting to conceal the gravity of the outlook, remained calm, insisting that the steps taken by the government leave a way open for a peaceful settlement. They say the military and naval preparations have been forced on Russia by the open and hurried demonstrations of Japan, and add that misinterpretations are being constantly placed on Russia's movements in the Far East, which represent Russia as already engaged in aggressive tactics. As an illustration, they cite a despatch published in London reporting the alleged mysterious departure of the Russian fleet from Port Arthur. The chief of the naval staff said this movement was utterly without warlike significance, and authorized the Associated Press to say that the warships merely left the harbor in the course of a cruise around the ends of the Ta-Lien-Wan peninsula to try their engines so as to be in readiness to meet the Japanese warships in case of an attack, and added that the war vessels, which had returned to Port Arthur, would not re-enter the harbor because the entrance was so narrow that they could be "bottled up."

When shown the Associated Press despatch, under today's date, from its Russian correspondent at Port Arthur, the same official declared it to be correct in every particular. He also said Russian troops had not been despatched to Chemulpo, and declared that the sending of Russian troops to Korea, or the despatching of Russian warships to Korean waters, was impossible under the present circumstances, both on account of strategic and political reasons.

"Russia's policy," the official continued, "is strictly defensive. She is determined to avoid any provocation. Moreover, strategically, it would be folly to disperse our forces by sending warships from Port Arthur or men to Korea."

The chief of the naval staff then pointed on a map to the Manchurian and Russian territory between Port Arthur and Vladivostock as being the Russian strong line of defence.

"The Japanese will have a hard time to beat us there," he said. "This is bad country for fighting. With a squadron at Port Arthur four powerful cruisers at Vladivostock and a strong army massed between them, such is the Russian plan for a defensive campaign, from which there is no likelihood of deviation."

The tone of the St. Petersburg newspapers is less optimistic. They seem to realize the acuteness of the crisis.

The Novoe Vremya remarks that if a "tragedy must come, we must be prepared to meet it." It is noticeable also that the papers are also more freely discussing the war preparations, chronicling daily the departure of troops eastward from various provinces. Practically every regiment is furnishing its quota for service there.

General Markoff, chief of the mobilization department, has gone to Irkutsk, Siberia, in connection with difficulties attending the transportation of troops across Lake Baikal. The imperial court seems undisturbed.

Social functions are proceeding as usual. The second court ball is announced for February 9.

A despatch from Vladivostock confirms the reports that large numbers of Japanese families have left the Nikolskoio and Ussuri regions. It gives a gloomy picture of the slump in trade, shows that clothes and money are scarce and adds that constant street rows are occurring. War is regarded there as imminent, even the Japanese and Russian children play at war games in the streets.

A semi-official despatch received here from Irkutsk says: "Telegraphic orders have been received here to forward immediately to Baikal a consignment of rails sufficient to lay thirty miles of track, with all necessary material for the construction work across Lake Baikal."

British News By the Cable

Sir Gilbert Parker Chairman of Imperial South African Association.

Emigration Made Easy or the Government Everybody's Banker.

London, Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Sir Gilbert Parker, M. P., Canadian author, succeeds Hon. Alfred Lyttleton as chairman of the Imperial South African Association.

At the annual meeting of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce a resolution will be moved urging the government that, in order to make it easy for emigrants to take free grants of 160 acres of land in Canada, an advance sufficient to build a dwelling and stock a farm should be given, the whole amount not to exceed $1,000 and to be repaid in twenty-one years.

The National Rifle Association do not intend to send a team to the United States to compete for the Palma trophy this year.

BALFOUR ON SHIPPING.

Will Attempt to Have British Regulations Apply to Foreign Vessels.

London, Feb. 5.—Gerald Balfour, president of the Board of Trade, in the course of an address to the shipping men of London tonight promised to ask parliament to appoint a select committee to inquire into the possibility of applying the Board of Trade resolutions to foreign shipping.

JOHNNY PETERS TELLS HIS STORY

Stoutly Maintains His Innocence of Crime of Murdering Indians.

From our own correspondent.

Nanaimo, Feb. 5.—Constable Halhed arrived today from Chemainus, bringing the Indian, Johnny Peters, arrested on Wednesday in connection with the Wilson murder. An early report from Chemainus stated that Peters had confessed. This is now denied. Peters told the police that he, the Wilsons and Jackson had been together on the afternoon of the tragedy and that Wilson and Jackson had both bottles of whiskey. Peters had several drinks. The parties then separated, Peters going home to Kuper, Jackson towards Cowichan and the Wilson to Thetis. Peters also admitted having with him a heavy United States rifle of 30 calibre, which is now in the possession of the police. He says that Jackson had a combined shotgun and rifle; further that he believes Jackson was drowned while in a state of intoxication.

Peters appeared before the magistrate yesterday afternoon and the case was remanded until today. On the way to Kuper, where Peters lived at school with his wife and family, the constable picked up a canoe with a cap in it, both of which Peters later identified as the property of Jackson. There is nothing beyond Jackson's disappearance to lead to the supposition at first entertained that he was also a victim. Indeed the police are not sure that he is not still alive. As Jackson was one of the last two men known to have been with the Wilsons, the crime practically rests between him and Peters.

Peters lived at Mission and bore an excellent reputation. Jackson was known as a bad Indian. The crime is attributed to the hatred and fear of the whole tribe of Wilson, who was a medicine man and held responsible by the superstitious members for the deaths of relatives and sickness of themselves.

A COALITION DINNER.

Lord Winborne Entertains Leaders of Two Sections of Free Traders.

London, Feb. 5. — Lord Winborne gave a dinner and reception at Winborne house tonight, which is regarded as signalizing the coalition of the two sections of the free traders and possibly the return of the Liberal Unionists to the Liberal fold. The guests of Lord Winborne included the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Rosebery, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Sir William Vernon Harcourt, John Morley, Lord Hugh Cecil and Winston Churchill, practically all the leaders of the free trade interests, whether Liberal or Conservative, and their wives.

Rearranging Departments

Emerson's Office Shorn of Many of its Works For the Benefit of Prefontaine.

Hyman Added to List of Cabinet Ornaments By His Excellency.

Action For Libel Threatened Against Officers of Trades and Labor Council.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Sir James Grant and Mr. Belcourt, M. P., waited on Premier Laurier this morning and asked for a Dominion grant for the Ottawa University. The Premier replied that it was a provincial matter, and he could not, therefore, recommend it.

Mr. Hyman was sworn in a member of the cabinet today without portfolio. The swearing-in ceremony took place at the office of the Governor-General in the eastern block.

At a conference today between Premier Laurier, Hon. Mr. Prefontaine and Hon. Mr. Sutherland, it was decided to transfer to Mr. Prefontaine the control and the charge of all canals, now in Mr. Emerson's department; while from the public works department Mr. Prefontaine gets the St. Lawrence ship channel, the ship yard at Sorel and the supervision of the harbor boards of Montreal, Three Rivers and Quebec.

The Eddy Company threaten to bring an action for libel against the officers of the Trades and Labor Council for injurious statements published in connection with the existing strike at the Eddy mills.

Several citizens of Ottawa have received presents of English pheasants from Lord Strathcona.

Dr. Bryce has assumed the duties of his new position as medical inspector of immigration. He will also have the medical care of Indians.

FIRE CHIEF REINSTATED.

New York, Feb. 5.—The appellate division of the Supreme court today handed down a decision ordering the reinstatement of Edward Croker as chief of the fire department. Mr. Croker was relieved from office early in the Low administration. He is a nephew of Richard Croker. The chief who succeeded Mr. Croker, retired in December.

A CURIOUS CASE.

Murderer Confesses Crimes and Appeals Against Judgment.

Ossing, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Warden Johnson, of Sing Sing prison, today received word that an appeal had been taken in the case of Frank Henry Burness, who was to have been put to death in the electric chair next Monday, and the execution is, therefore, stayed. Burness shot and killed Captain George B. Townsend on the latter's schooner at Brooklyn on November 10 last. At his trial he admitted his guilt, acknowledged that he had committed other murders and asked that the death sentence be quickly carried out.

ONTARIO ESTIMATES.

Appropriations Asked for This Year Slightly Less Than Last.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—The provincial estimates for this year were laid on the table of the legislature today by Premier Ross. They call for $4,657,909, about $121,000 less than the appropriations voted last year.

The total cost of the Gamey investigation, as shown by the public accounts presented the legislature yesterday, was $44,426.

At the annual meeting of the Canadian Press Association yesterday it was decided that the association use its influence to have the minimum rate for newspapers placed at $1.50, and failing in this, to ask the postmaster-general to refuse postage to papers that sell at less than the cost of white paper.

Rev. G. E. Henderson, of Jamaica, is in the city appealing to Canadian Baptists to assist the brethren of Jamaica, who suffered heavy loss in the storms which swept that island last summer.

An association has been formed here by leading Presbyterians to raise funds to send Rev. Dr. Wilkie, Presbyterian missionary, back to India. This is a revolt against the action of the Presbyterian Foreign Missionary Society, which has decided that it cannot find a place for Dr. Wilkie, and has offered to pay his salary if any other church will give him a place.

BADGERING THE HEATHEN CHINEE

Celestial Prisoner Claims He Is Immigrant Through Act of U. S. Inspector.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 5.—United States Commissioner Ullman today handed down a decision in the case of Wong Nam and Fong Yong, charged with illegally entering the United States. The Chinamen alleged that they were not responsible for their present situation, and produced evidence to show that they were induced to enter the United States by Chinese inspectors. The decision of the commissioners is that the Chinamen will be sent back to Canada. In case the Canadian government refuses to allow them to enter that country the men are not to be sent back to China, but are to be discharged. There is a head tax of $500 required for every Chinaman who enters Canada. The Chinamen in this case had a right to remain in Canada, but when they came to this country they did not get the necessary permit to do so and that government may refuse to allow them to re-enter the country again.

The seven Chinamen who were brought into the United States on the morning of Friday, December 4th, were arraigned before United States Commissioner Keating today, charged with illegally entering this country. It will be remembered that eleven Chinamen were landed at the foot of Breckenridge street and were bundled into a covered wagon. As the wagon was going up a hill the large pin broke and the vehicle slipped into the Erie canal. Several Chinamen were rescued, two were drowned and two were never heard from again. The seven rescued Chinamen were the men arraigned. At the conclusion of the testimony the case was adjourned until February 12th.

The War Clouds Are Lowering

Peace Practically Hopeless and First Blow Momentarily Expected.

Japan Has Called Its Subjects From the Yalu District.

London, Feb. 6.—The statement is published here that the draft of the treaty which Japan originally submitted to Russia contained seven articles, the first of which provided for the mutual recognition of the integrity and independence of China and Korea. The second recognized Japan's right to advise Korea on finances and general administration. The third stipulated that Russia should not hinder the development of Japan's commercial interests in Korea. The fourth recognizes that Japan was entitled to send troops to Korea in the event of disturbance, such troops to be withdrawn when peace had been restored. The fifth article provided that no fortifications be erected on the southern coast of Korea and guaranteed the freedom of the straits of Korea. The sixth article arranged for the eventual junction of the Korean and Manchurian railroad systems, while the seventh denounced all previous Russo-Japanese treaties relating to Korea.

There is much conjecture this morning as to the probable reasons for the brief cruise of the Port Arthur fleet. According to a despatch to the Daily Express from Chefoo, the navigation of the harbor of Port Arthur is seriously impeded by ice, which may have been the reason why the fleet went out. Another supposition is that the vessels had been so long laid up at Port Arthur that the admiral in command desired to ascertain how they would behave at sea.

The despatches this morning from all points are more pessimistic. The Tien Tsin correspondent of the Standard reports that the railway authorities are still bringing all their rolling stock inside the great wall on account of the Russian movement, while the Russians have prohibited the Japanese from traveling on the railway. The correspondent at Tokio of the Daily Mail says he hears that the Russian fleet at Vladivostock is preparing to sail.

Berlin, Feb. 6.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger telegraphs that Admiral Skrydlov, commander of the Russian squadron in the Black Sea, has been summoned to St. Petersburg gor consultation on account of his knowledge of the Far East. The Dowager Empress received the admiral, and when he was leaving said to him, "There will be no war."

Washington, Feb. 5.—The state department has received information that Japan has called its subjects from the Yalu districts in Korea into Seoul.

In the opinion of diplomats conversant with the Japanese phase of the Far Eastern situation, the Tokio government will not wait longer than today for the Russian reply unless in the meantime a satisfactory intimation is received as to its character.

New York, Feb. 5.—The significant announcement that telegrams for Japan and Korea can be accepted only at sender's risk was made today by the Commercial Cable company, which has received the following despatch from its resident manager in China: "From today telegrams to Japan and Korea can only be accepted at owner's risk."

Port Arthur, Feb. 5.—Military reports declare that all the railway bridges are guarded, and that the bridges over the Sungari river are defended by infantry, artillery and patrol boats.

A relay post has been established on the military road from Liang Yang to Antung in anticipation of an advance. The railway is almost entirely at the disposal of the commissariat to allow for the free passage of troops later when their movement is urgent.

London, Feb. 5.—There is renewed activity at Cardiff owing to the demand for coal. The admiralty agents today received instructions to secure the prompt loading of coal cargoes for the British fleet in Japanese waters.

Steam coal is so freely sold that it is impossible to obtain spot cargoes. There is considerable pressure for the immediate shipment of coal already purchased by Russia and Japan and for the European navies, hence several days are likely to elapse before the British admiralty order can be filled.

London, Feb. 6.—The Tokio correspondent of the Times says that the situation is regarded as hopeless. It is generally believed, he continues, that the councils of the elder statesmen, held February 3 and 4, decided upon the final measures to be taken in the event of an unfavorable reply from Russia.

The voluntary subscriptions to the war fund exceeds 3,000,000 yen the correspondent says, and little credence is attached to the persistent rumors that Russian troops are about to proceed to Korea at the request of the Korean government. The Pekin correspondent of the Times discusses the possibility of the flight of the Chinese court, and says it is perplexed by divided councils, but that it is not likely to flee unless Russia attempts to invade the great wall.

(Men's $1.50 Working Pants at 75 cents at Army & Navy Clothing Store today. *

AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION.

U. S. Representative Entertains the Elite of St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 5.—The Leuchtenburg Palace, the home of the American embassy, was the scene tonight of the first large reception of the season, given by United States Ambassador McCormack and Mrs. McCormack. Several hundred persons were present including many of the Russian nobility, all the prominent diplomatists including the ambassadors of Great Britain and Germany and the ministers of Belgium, Japan and China.

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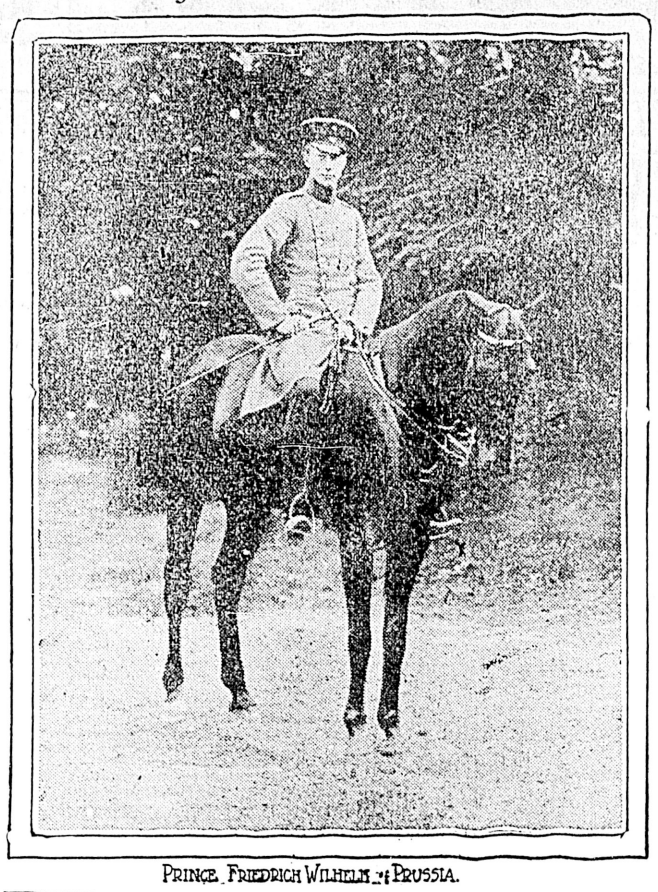

PRINCE FRIEDRICH WILHELM OF PRUSSIA.

HIS HORSE THROWS THE CROWN PRINCE

While on Parade German Emperor's Eldest Son Gets a Fall.

Berlin, Feb. 5.—The Crown Prince Frederick William was thrown from his horse while riding at the head of his company of guards at Potsdam today. The horse shied and then fell with his rider, causing considerable alarm. The Crown Prince was assisted to his feet by his brother officers and soon was able to remount and resume his place at the head of the company.

FIGHTING IN DOMINGO.

San Domingo, Feb. 5.—The city is surrounded by insurgents. They have sent to the government a demand that the city surrender within twenty-four hours, threatening otherwise to enter it by force. The government has made no reply to this demand and an attack is expected.

VENEZUELA SHAKEN.

Sharp Earthquake in Orinoco Valley the First of the Month.

Caracas, Feb. 1.—A strong earthquake shock was felt in Venezuela at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. It was especially severe in the Gulf of Paria and in the Orinoco district, and it was accompanied by a loud noise resembling thunder. The shock was also felt at Mataurin, Carupano, Rio Caribe, Ciudad, Bolivar and San Feliz. It is reported that at the mouth of the Orinoco river the waters suddenly rose three feet.

MR WHITNEY'S FUNERAL.

New York, Feb. 5.—The funeral services over the remains of William C. Whitney, former secretary of the United States navy, were held today at Grace Episcopal church. At the conclusion of the service the remains were conveyed by a special train to Woodlawn Cemetery for interment in the family plot.

VERY COSTLY DEPORTATION

Uncle Sam Called on to Pay For Getting Rid of Chinamen.

A failure to properly mark the boundary line between the United States and British Columbia is the main cause for a bill of expense Uncle Sam will soon be called upon to meet.

Lee Hung Quam, a Chinese, arrived at Port Townsend the other day to be detained pending the departure of the first outgoing China steamship. Six years ago Quam landed in Vancouver and paid the required head tax of $100. Then he drifted eastward, working on the railroad. One day last summer he was pounced upon by a blue-coated official, who arrested him for being illegally in the United States, as he had wandered over the imaginery line separating the two countries in the vicinity of Rainy River, Minnesota.

When tried Quam offered no defence beyond his ignorance of geographical matters, and was promptly ordered deported "from whence he came," as the decrees in such cases always read. Upon reaching the boundary the Chinaman and his custodian were met by the vigilant representative of the Canadian immigration department, who offered no objection to Quam returning provided he paid the head tax of $500, to which amount it had in the meantime been increased by the Dominion parliament.

The United States commissioner was compelled to change his deportation order to one providing for the transportation of the Chinaman from Puget Sound to the Orient. The man has been delivered at Port Townsend, a deputy marshal and a guard accompanying him all the way from St. Paul, the government paying the fare of the three, the two officers back to St. Paul and the Chinaman to China.

NEW YORK THEATRES.

New York, Feb. 5.—Mayor McLellan's order to close the Grand Opera House was complied with tonight by the management. A strong force of police was present to enforce the order. It was announced by one of the officials of the house that it would be opened tomorrow night.

JAPS ARE BUYING B. C. SALMON

Large Order Received By United Canneries For Shipment to Far East.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—H. C. Cannon, president of the United Canneries Company, said tonight that one of his companies in British Columbia has received an order for about 400,000 low grade salmon from the Japanese government.

The C. P. R. flyer, west bound, crashed into a freight train at London about noon today, smashing several refrigerator cars. Fireman George Hunter jumped, but struck the freight car and was thrown under the wheels of his engine and ground to pieces. Driver John Abernathy stuck to the engine and was so shaken up by the shock that it has driven him insane.

MUZZLES BLOWN OFF THE BIG GUNS

Eght Inch Guns of United States Battleship Again Prove Defective.

Norfolk, Feb. 5.—The battleship Iowa, while testing her batteries yesterday, blew off the muzzles of both eight-inch guns in her forward and starboard turret. Flying fragments smashed one of the ship's whaleboats. Both guns are fractured and the barrels are badly swollen. None of the crew were injured and no damage outside that given was sustained by the vessel.

Washington, Feb. 5.—This second explosion on the Iowa within less than a year has cast a gloom over the officials of the United States navy department. The cause of the explosion off Panama last year, in which there was a loss of life and considerable damage to the ship, remains a mystery.

The alarming feature of these two accidents is the apprehension growing in naval circles that the older guns of the navy are not strong enough to permit the use of smokeless powder in them. It is declared that none of the guns on the Iowa had been fired much over one hundred times.

SNOW TWENTY FEET DEEP.

Lewiston, Mont., Feb. 5.—Pushed by four locomotives, the great snowplow on the Montana railroad today headed the first train that has reached this place in ten days. During that time three express trains have been tied up in the drifts between here and Helena, and it being impossible to send aid to them, some of the passengers suffered for want of food. Two trains are still tied up. In some places the drifts are twenty feet deep.

DOES MISSIONARY WORK FOR VICTORIA

Manitoban Now Here Instrumental in Bringing Many People.

In no more eloquent way is the good work done by the Tourist Association demonstrated than by the influx this season of many former residents of Manitoba and the Northwest who have come to take up permanent residence here.

Among the visitors to the city at the present time are A. S. Barton and Mrs. Barton, of Boissevain, Man., where Mr. Barton, in addition to being a proprietary farmer, is editor of the Boissevain Recorder. This is their second visit to Victoria, they having been here four years ago, "and," they declare, "we have never since forgotten the beauties of your city."

Mr. Barton laughingly says he has been acting as "immigration agent" for Victoria, never losing an opportunity to sing its praises amongst his friends and acquaintances in Manitoba. That Mr. Barton has done excellent work will be admitted when it is stated that because of his efforts alone several families have made the happy exchange of homes in uncongenial Manitoba for residence in sunny Victoria.

In this connection Mr. Barton recites an interesting incident which befel him when he attended service at the Cedar Hill church a few Sunday's ago. As a stranger he naturally was observant of the rest of the members of the congregation, and what was his surprise to find, seated in contiguous pews, no less than four families who were neighbors of his in Boissevain.

Mr. Barton takes an especial delight in shocking his shivering acquaintances in the East by sending them flowers picked in the open air here, and the other day in a letter from his little boy was the pathetic statement: "Daddy, it is 30 degrees below zero today."

Mr. and Mrs. Barton have been driving every day since here—something almost inconceivable to the Manitoban mind. They will remain five weeks visiting friends.

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Arbitration Committee

Mr. Hooper's Cross-Examination Took up the Whole Session Yesterday.

Witness Protests Against Very Many of the Questions Asked By Counsel.

The select committee appointed to investigate the arbitrators' award in the Government House extras, met again yesterday morning at 10.30 in the Government buildings. On the opening of proceedings Mr. H. D. Helmcken, K. C., on behalf of Mr. Drake, produced all the plans and documents that were in the possession of the contractor, and asked that they all be put in as exhibits.

Mr. Hooper was then called and his examination continued, Mr. Duff cross-examining. In reply to a question, Mr. Hooper said he never knew that the architect had anything whatever to do with awarding the contract; the duty of the arbitrators was to obtain their knowledge from the contract, but they had nothing to do with the architect's estimate. They disregarded every clause except 20, which was waived.

The question of the chimney was then brought up by Mr. Duff. Mr. Hooper claimed that the chimney had been changed. Mr. Duff wanted him to point out on the plans what the change was, but Mr. Hooper refused at first, saying that the plans Mr. Duff produced were not the original ones and might not agree with the ones he had seen. Mr. Hooper said: "I never saw those plans until Mr. Phillips produced them yesterday."

Mr. Duff asked witness why he had not seen them. Mr. Hooper answered: "Because I couldn't get them, although I tried hard enough."

Mr. Hooper said to Mr. Duff: "Why don't you act in a fair and honest manner and produce the documents on which I made my findings; then I will answer you any question you like?" On Mr. Duff saying he could compare them, Mr. Hooper again protested, and asked: "Why wouldn't you let me do it yesterday instead of today; wanting me to give evidence and swear on plans I have never seen. I object, first to the three sets of plans now produced not being alike, and—I think, in all fairness to me, the only set that should be used are those presented to the board, they being the ones on which we took the evidence."

Mr. Duff here remarked: "If you had not excluded Mr. McLean you would not have got the evidence that you did."

Mr. Hooper objected strenuously to these remarks, saying they were not correct. He said: "If you and Mr. McLean had been faithful to your charges you would never have got the information you have. No man can get a square deal with three or four officials of the departments and a bunch of lawyers trying to buck him." Further Mr. Hooper charged Mr. McLean with interfering before the arbitrators were appointed, and said he did everything in his power to break the investigation they were conducting.

Mr. Duff asked witness if he consulted Mr. Gamble during the arbitration.

Witness answered he did, "but, you bet, I was sorry for it."

Mr. Duff here asked witness if he was not aware that by doing this he nullified the award.

Mr. Hooper said the reason that he did consult Mr. Gamble was that he was told he could get the documents from that official, but if he knew what he knew now he would never have gone near either Mr. McLean or Mr. Gamble.

Mr. Duff told witness that he was making complaints, and it looked as if he was really the man who was in the wrong.

Mr. Hooper said: "I simply went to Mr. Gamble in the interests of the country and as a friend of the government, and asked him where I could get certain documents."

Mr. Duff reminded witness that he had said yesterday that Mr. Rattenbury made some alterations. Continuing, counsel said: "Now, I want you to shew me on these plans what they were."

Mr. Hooper again raised strong objections, and appealed to the chairman, saying that if he was to attest to these matters he would only do it on the documents before the board, and not on anything Mr. Duff proposed to bring in.

Mr. Clifford said the committee were quite willing to give him all the time he wanted to compare plans.

Mr. Duff pointed out that he wanted the plans he had produced used, as they were the originals and the only ones signed.

Mr. Hooper said that nobody appeared to have control of anything. Referring to the alterations on the bay window, etc., he said, as far as additional work was concerned, the contractor was in the hands of the architect, but he considered them both equally to blame for gross carelessness.

Mr. Duff said: "You made a statement yesterday that Mr. Rattenbury had tried to get a document from Mr. Anderson."

Mr. Hooper—"I did not say so; I said efforts had been made."

Mr. Duff pressed witness, saying that he evidently meant Mr. Rattenbury.

Mr. Hooper protested again, saying: "I am not here to vindicate Mr. Rattenbury; he and I have always been on the friendliest terms. At least I have been friendly disposed to him and I think he has been the same to me, but I am not going to be bulldozed into anything by either you or Mr. McLean."

Mr. Munro asked how would the original tracings have helped witness' work as an arbitrator.

Witness said they would have helped materially, as one could not scale and take measurements on a blue print not having the original tracings; they had to go over Government House from top to bottom and measure everything themselves.

Mr. McInnes asked how was it that when at last they did get the original tracings, they sent them back and made no use of them.

Witness replied that they were then of practically no value, as the board had gone to the building, had seen what actual work had been done; besides they had also given their valuation for the award. Continuing, he said: "As I told you before, I did all in my power to try and get those documents. I went several times to the department and Mr. Gamble's offices, but could never get them."

Asked by Mr. Duff if he did not know that Mr. Cookson had these plans, witness replied that he had been so informed.

Mr. Duff then asked witness if he ever asked Mr. Cookson for them. Witness said: "No, I am not running around asking every understrapper in the department, but I continually asked Mr. Gamble, and if he doesn't know enough about his clerks, where they are and what they are doing, it is about time he got out."

Mr. Hooper, on being questioned by Mr. McInnes, went further, and said that one day Mr. Green sent for him and said: "Mr. Hooper, I have done all I can to get those plans, but Mr. Gamble says they are not in the building." I said to him: "Well, Mr. Green, how in the world did they get those blue prints if they didn't use the original tracings?"

Mr. Green admitted that it certainly looked funny, and that the originals must be somewhere in the department.

Mr. McPhillips here stated that he did not wish Mr. Dalton to be put on the stand until after Mr. Hooper got through, but he wish to inform the committee that if his client was to be put under the same cross-examination as Mr. Hooper had been he should tell him not to answer any questions whatsoever.

Mr. McInnes remarked that it was a question for the committee to deal with.

Continuing his examination, Mr. Duff wanted to know who it was Mr. Hooper meant by the word "they" when he said they did all in their power to get Anderson's invoice. "Did you mean Mr. Rattenbury or who did you mean; this is a direct charge against my client, and I want to clear it."

Mr. Hooper replied that he guessed it would cover them all.

Mr. McInnes—"Will you please explain to the committee what statements you thought were misleading in the letter written in July, 1903, by Messrs. Rattenbury and Maclure to the Hon. R. McBride?"

Mr. Hooper replied—"In the first instance he certified to $1,500 for a piece of work that the only order he ever had received from the department, stating that the work should have been done for $770, while he used the figures charged in the contractor's account, $2,175. In making his approximate estimate cost of the building to the department, he was charging the department 5 per cent. of the larger sum, and while making all these statements he had in his possession all the accounts and the knowledge that the only amount he should have dealt with was the $770, while in two different places he used the larger amounts, and in no one instance did he use the correct amounts."

Continuing, he said: "Had we been given the original tracing at the commencement of our arbitration, it would have greatly facilitated matters, but would most certainly not have altered our report."

Some discussion then arose over the sewer pipe, Mr. Hooper saying he could never get the plan from the department. "In fact," he said, "only that the Lieut.-Governor had kept a copy of the sworn plan there would not be one in existence. It is only a little plan, but the Governor won't give it up."

Mr. McLean—"How many patches do you find on those plans Mr. Phillips handed in? You have complained very much about them."

Mr. Hooper—"I find three patches, but that is enough to show they were changed."

Mr. McInnes—"When you knew you had the powers of the court to summon any witness you wanted, how was it that you did not ask for Mr. Gamble or some of the others from the department?"

Mr. Hooper replied—"Because it would have been of no use as we were handicapped in not having the original tracings, and as Mr. Gamble knew nothing about them his evidence would be of no use."

Mr. McLean then asked Mr. Hooper when he had time to please look over the plans and compare.

Mr. Hooper replied that perhaps, on looking closer, there was no material change except what he explained before.

Mr. McLean—"Then there is no suggestion on your part that the department sent up false plans?"

Mr. Hooper replied: "None whatever."

Before adjourning Mr. Hooper explained that when Mr. Drake asked him for Anderson's bill, he wanted to pay it, and did not intend to hand it over to Mr. Rattenbury.

The committee then adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

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ANNUAL DANCE OF THE NATIVE SONS

Assembly Hall the Scene of the Fourth Yearly Event Last Night.

There be balls and balls, but the ball of the season is par excellence the ball of the Native Sons. As entertainers they are unsurpassed and their fourth annual assembly will go down to history in the pleasant memories of those who were present as second only to the young men's first great dance of four years ago.

The hall was, to use a dancer's expression, "just comfortably crowded," and the music, the floor and the company left nothing to be desired. If there is one thing that is, more than another, characteristic of the hardy pioneer, it is his open-hearted, unostentatious hospitality, and those who have taken part in any of these delightful dances will agree that this particularly noteworthy trait of their forefathers is a most prominent characteristic of the Native Sons of Victoria. Everyone is made to feel "at home," and a merrier and withal, more fashionable crowd has never attended a dance at the Assembly hall.

The ballroom had been in the hands of a decorating committee for some days, and the abilities of the Native Sons along this line are well known, consequently the appearance of the room last night was certainly a picture, the tout ensemble reflecting great credit upon all concerned.

The fact that the music was supplied by the Fifth Regiment band can be taken as a guarantee that this most important element in the success of a dance was all that could have been desired.

At midnight a supper was served, and on, until the "wee sma' 'ours" had begun to grow large the crowd kept the merry dances going.

ELSINORE CASTLE IN DANGER.

New York, Feb. 5.—The Danish castle of Cranberg, famous as the Elsinore of Shakespear's "Hamlet," is threatened, according to an American despatch from Berlin, by destruction by the undermining tides of the Kattegat. The foundations are seriously damaged and the castle may have to be pulled down, together with a terrace on which the ghost of Hamlet's father appeared.

Men's Fine Worsted Pants, worth from $3.50 to $4.50 a pair. Today at $1.95 a pair. Army & Navy Clothing Store.

NOTES FROM VANCOUVER.

Stave Lake Power Company About to Start Work.

Vancouver, Feb. 5.—It is reported here that Stave Lake Power Company will start to construct power works at Stave Lake within two weeks; that J. J. Hill is behind the scheme, and that the Great Northern from Cloverdale to Westminster and from Cloverdale to Guichon will be operated by electricity and eventually the line to Seattle will be operated the same way.

The two Japs who stowed away on the steamship Empress of China and who stated that the man to whom they gave 220 yen in Japan to buy their tickets and who decamped with the money after putting them on board, are to be deported. They will be kept here until the ship sails.

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Bradstreet's Weekly Report

The Snowstorm Greatly Retards Trade at All Eastern Points.

Business at Pacific Coast Centres In a Satisfactory Condition.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—Bradstreet's Trade Review says: The difficulties of transportation, owing to snow blockades delaying the receipts and shipment of foods, caused much inconvenience in trade circles at Montreal this week, and orders show contradiction in many departments. The conditions of trade are sound and the outlook promising. Finished cotton goods are showing increasing strength and the domestic mills are displaying increasing reluctance to accept large orders at present prices. Country remittances are slow owing to snow blockades.

Trade at Toronto has shown no expansion this week as is usually looked for this month; the reason is the unprecedented interruption to business through the province by snow blockades. In some northern sections, the snow is 10 to 14 feet deep, and shipments have been greatly delayed. Cotton mill men are withdrawing prices again. Woollen goods are firm. The hardware and metal trade has suffered by the snow blockades, and orders for ingot metals have been filled by express.

Business has been moderately active in Manitoba the past week, according to Bradstreet's report, in spite of the cold weather, which naturally stunts business in some lines, there has been very little grain coming out and the impression is that there will not be very much more offered by the farmers, as the requirements for seeding will be heavier this year, and home consumption and the requirements of the mills is larger than ever before. The volume of orders for the spring is heavy and preparations for the coming season are well advanced. The outlook for trade is bright.

At Victoria, Vancouver and other Pacific Coast points, trade is fairly good for this season, which is never a very active one. Collections are good and the conditions of trade generally are promising. The wholesale trade are looking forward to a good year.

Business at Hamilton as reported to Bradstreet's, has been fair, all things considered, this week, but shipments of spring staple goods have been much delayed and the wholesale trade have also been much inconvenienced in the receipts of goods. Travelers have been sending in more orders than last week and mail orders are better, the steady advance in the price of staple goods having the effect of increasing the volume of orders.

London wholesale traders report a fair week, considering the interruptions to traffic. The deliveries of grain at country points have fallen off, business in a retail way has been adversely affected. With an increase in the deliveries of grain with the farmers, country trade would improve.

Cold weather and snow have kept business from expanding the past two weeks at Ottawa. The difficulties of shipping goods is causing much inconvenience in country trade centres. The prices of staple goods are firm. The outlook for business is bright.

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A large sapphire has been found on a farm near Standerton, South Africa, and a geologist has been commissioned to survey the district and present a report.

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COLOMBIA AFFAIRS.

Caracas, Sunday, Jan. 31.—The Colombian government has sent instructions to W. W. Russell, charge d'affaires of the American legation here, who has had in his custody the archives, safe and books belonging to the Colombian legation at Caracas, since the time in 1901 when diplomatic relations with Colombia and Venezuela were severed, to transmit this property to Bogota. It has been learned here that large quantities of provisions have been recently bought at Caracas and Trinidad to be sent to Savarilla and Cartagena, Colombia.

Don't think that eruption of yours can't be cured. Take Hood's Sarpaparilla—its virtue is its power to cure.

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Monkey Brand Soap makes copper like gold, tin like silver, crockery like marble, and windows like crystal.

Seventy-five Pair Men's Standard Screw Bottom (Marsh's make). All sizes. Worth $2.50 to $3.00. Today $1.75 a pair at Army & Navy Clothing Store. *

Whitaker's Almanac at Hibben's. *

Youth's Screwed Bottom Bals, sizes 11 to 13, 75 cents a pair. Army & Navy Clothing Store. *

Municipal Notice

Municipal Bye Election 1904.

Public Notice

Is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid city on Friday, the 12th day of February, 1904, from 12 (noon) to 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing a person to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Tuesday, the 16th day of February, 1904, from 9 a. m. to 7:30 p. m., in the court room of the City Hall aforesaid, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as the Mayor of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the nomination, registered owner in the Land Registry Office of land or real property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last municipal assessment roll of one thousand dollars, or more, over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters.

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Notice to the Public

The Teaming, Scavenger and Contracting Business of the late Peter Hansen, has this day been sold as a going concern to Mr. John Haggerty. All accounts owing must be paid not later than the end of February, to the address below.

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Feb. 1st, 1904.

Aorangi Sails For Antipodes

Two Victorians are Passengers To Sidney to Purchase Steamer.

Heavy Wind Storm in Straits—Princess Beatrice Is Now a 16 Knot Boat.

The C. P. R. Co.'s steamer Aorangi left here last evening at about 9 o'clock for Honolulu, Suva, Brisbane and Sidney. She took a large freight for the Antipodes, and the following passengers from here: Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass, R. E. Grant, C. H. Fitzpatrick and wife, G. McGregor, Capt. Whidden, S. A. Donald, J. N. Sherper, F. Gustafson, H. J. McHugh and F. Barnes.

Two of the passengers, viz., G. McGregor and Capt. Whidden, go on a very important mission. They are bound for Sidney, N. S. W., to inspect the steamer Eurimbla. If she is found to be a good vessel for these waters, she will be purchased and brought here.

The Eurimbla is a vessel which plies in the Australian coasting trade, running north and south from Brisbane. Her owners have offered her for sale because of the trade in which she is operated having outgrown proportionally the size of the ship, and they are desirous of substituting her with a much larger craft. She is an ocean-going steamer with little superstructure and her lines are very similar to those of the Princess May of the C. P. R. line, although she is not so large as that vessel. Her speed is given as thirteen knots an hour. She is a vessel of 1,055 tons, 214 feet in length 31 feet in beam and 19 feet depth of hold. The company interested in the purchase is said to include Mr. McGregor, Mr. Warren and Robert Cunningham.

The reason for the mission is that it has been found that the Boscowitz is altogether inadequate to handle the growing business of the owners to northern British Columbia ports. If the vessel proves seaworthy and is purchased there, Capt. Whidden will be placed in charge to bring her to Victoria.

The storm which delayed the Blue Funnel liner Tydeus on Thursday morning at the Outer wharf was felt severely in the Straits and up Puget Sound. The steamer Jeannie, belonging to the A. P. N. Company, from San Francisco to Seattle, only steamed fourteen miles in four hours, and Capt. Mason, her skipper, says he never saw the wind blow harder in the Straits and seldom with greater velocity on the open sea. It swept down the channel with the rapidity and force of a hurricane. The wind blew from the east to the southwest much of the time. It raged all Wednesday night.

At Olympia portions of the city were awash when the belated winter tide rolled in. While it was one of the highest tides seen in Olympia for years, no serious damage was done, and by 9 o'clock the waters were rapidly receding.

Around the manufacturing district the flood reached a dangerous height, and several factories were more or less threatened by the steadily rising water.

Fires in the engine room of the Olympia Door Company were put out for an hour, and at Richardson's mill the tide interfered with the raising of steam in the boilers. In this section the waters almost reached Third street, and caused considerable alarm among the dwellers in that vicinity.

On the other side of the town the tide flooded the floors of the Olympia Cedar Company's mill to the depth of several inches, and also covered the track of the Northern Pacific for a considerable distance in the tunnel, but not to an extent that interfered with the running of trains.

The tide was caused by the exceedingly high wind which blew up the Straits all Wednesday night.

The steamer Princess Beatrice broke her own steaming record yesterday afternoon and is now no longer in the 15 knot class, as yesterday she made a good 16-knot gait. When she was passing Port Townsend the ex-Majestic, Whatcom, was just leaving that port, and they started as near even as possible. The Princess arrived at Victoria about half an hour ahead of her rival and fully half an hour ahead of her own schedule time.

THEFT AT MARINE WAYS.

Messrs. Bullen Complain That They Have Lost Many Tools.

Messrs. Bullen yesterday said how much they had been annoyed recently by having tools, etc., from the marine ways stolen. They say they have now got a very good clue to the thieves and some interesting developments may be expected. On account of the class of work done it is impossible to lock the tools, and they offer a big inducement to dishonest persons.

MARINE NOTES.

The ship Glory of the Seas was towed into the quarantine station yesterday afternoon on her way to Ladysmith.

The tug Holyoke arrived yesterday to tow the barge Oregon with concentrates for the Tacoma smelter. The Oregon was towed into Esquimalt on Thursday from Junea.

The Abby Palmer will be towed over to Seattle for repairs, a Seattle concern having secured the contract.

The steamer Cottage City is due from the North today.

The steamer Umatilla is due from San Francisco tomorrow, and the City of Puebla is due to sail on Monday evening.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.

Issued by the U. S. Hydrographic Office Relating to the Pacific Coast.

Washington—Rosario strait—Belle Rock buoy replaced in position—Referring to Notice to Mariners No. 48 (2407) of 1903, the lighthouse inspector gives further notice that Belle Rock buoy, a black first-class can, reported out of position November 11th, was replaced on December 4th, 1903.

British Columbia—Queen Charlotte Sound—Blunden harbor—Uncharted rock—Commander J. F. Parry, R. N., H. M. S. Egeria, reports that rock with eight feet on it at low water lies 300 yards N. 79 degrees E. true (N.E. ¾ E. mag.) from Bartlett point, northernmost point of Robinson island, Blunden harbor, Queen Charlotte Sound.

Alaska—Clarence Straits—Tongass Narrows—North Guard Island—Temporary light established—On December 1st, 1903, a temporary fixed white lens-lantern light was established on the North Guard Island near the northern entrance to Tongass narrows.

The light is shown from a temporary platform 22 feet above water and will be discontinued after the permanent light is established.

North Pacific Ocean—Discolored water reported to northward of Midway Islands in latitude 33 degrees 53 minutes N., longitude 177 degrees 37 minutes W.—The officer in charge of the Branch Hydrographic office at San Francisco reports under date of December 28th, 1903 that Captain Edward England, of the British ship Thistle, reports that at 9 a. m. on October 19th, 1903, his vessel passed over discolored water, quite white, like passing over coral bottom, the ship passed at once into deep blue water, the line of demarcation being very distinct.

There was no time to take soundings.

Approximate position: Latitude 33 degrees 53 minutes N., longitude 177 degrees 37 minutes W.

NEWS NOTES FROM THE NORTH

Big Conservative Rally at Dominion Creek—Big Rush Expected in Spring.

From a recent arrival from Dawson it is learned that the new council has already started into business by reducing considerably the salary of all the city employees, particularly that of the city solicitor, who was drawing $3,600. His salary has been reduced to $1,800, and the aldermen, who were receiving $1,500 are now only drawing $1,000. Dawson has elected this time one of the best and most representative Board of Aldermen they have ever had, most of them being well and favorably known in Eastern Canada. Alderman McKay is an old Ottawa solicitor, and Mr. Pattullo a nephew of the late member for North Renfrew.

Sir Thomas Tenered, a wealthy English financier, who, as all Dawsonites will remember, went into the Yukon in company with Mr. Joe Boyle, one of Mr. Sifton's friends, with the idea of looking over and purchasing the latter gentleman's timber interests, concessions, etc., in that country, is now suing Mr. Boyle to get possession of timber berths and wharf lease. He claims that property has become his by reason of an overdue and unpaid promissory note for the loan of £6,875 sterling with interest.

Joe Boyle will be remembered to many as the old-time trainer and backer of Frank P. Slavin, the old-time pugilist.

A splendid meeting in the interests of the Conservative party was held on Dominion creek and was addressed by Councilman Dr. Thompson, the likely candidate for the Dominion house. The doctor gave a sharp and spirited address and urged that having given the Liberals a fair trial and having found that their policy and tactics from Sir Wilfrid Laurier down to ex-Governor "Jim" Ross, as well as the present commissioners opposed to the best interests of the miners it was time to turn them down and support the Conservative party by electing to Ottawa a man who would not be a tool of the government and shirk his duty to the people and who would demand and insist on getting relief for this government and concession-ridden country.

The new diggings in the Alsek country are continuing to draw well and a big rush is anticipated in the spring, such are the words of License Inspector Wilson.

Six roadhouses have been built and the country will be invaded by a flock of people.

A very cold wave has prevailed all over the country. Stewart river at 61 below having the record; Ogilvie 60, Stewart 57, Dawson 53, Selkirk 40, Whitehorse 30.

SCOTS' REUNION.

The annual gathering and social reunion of the members of the Sir William Wallace Society took place in the hall of the society last night. The result of the election of officers was as follows: Chief, Alexander Cruickshank; chieftain, James R. McKenzie; Secretary, Charles More; bard, James Deans; piper, J. R. McKenzie; junior trustees, J. R. Mackie and R. Jameson.

Afterwards refreshments were served in a most hospitable manner, while the festive board was adorned by a magnificent cake of Scotch shortbread very kindly presented to the society by Mr. J. C. Darling of the Caledonia bakery the inscription read, "Hail to Caledonia, Scotland for ever." Altogether a pleasant time was spent in song and story, not forgetting the skirl o' the bagpipes, participated in by Messrs. Deans, Henderson, Mackie, Watt, McKenzie and others. "Auld Lang Syne" brought a "guid Scots nicht" to a close.

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Prospects For an Exceedingly Lively Summer in the Tourist Business.

The rooms of the Tourist Association were visited yesterday by two of Pittsburg's prominent business men, Herman Dunker and J. E. Schultz, who are visiting the coast with the object of making arrangements for the visit of upwards of 250 members of the Pittsburg Commandery of the Knight Templars. The party will practically own for thirty-five days a train of fifteen coaches and will visit many of the principal cities in the West. It is the intention, if possible to have the Princess Victoria leave Seattle about 7 a. m. on August 30th with the entire party on board and arrive here at 11 a. m.

A full programme for their stay here has been arranged with Secretary Cuthbert, of the association, who has undertaken to attend to all the details for their visit in advance and to see that their time is well spent while here. The programme will include a drive around the coast to Oak Bay, a visit to Esquimalt and to the Parliament buildings and other points of interest.

Mr. Cuthbert took the gentlemen over and introduced them to Acting Mayor H. M. Grahame, who himself is a prominent Mason, so that a welcome may be extended these influential visitors by their brethren in the city.

In answer to a query as to the prospects of business for this summer the secretary of the association said: "This summer will be the most prosperous Victoria has ever seen. There are many indications of this which are not very evident to those who are not in touch with matters outside the city. Victoria's reputation as a tourist city and vacation resort is spreading all over the continent and the tide of travel is setting our way. There is no greater evidence of it than the contemplated visit of this large party from Pittsburg. They have very little time to spend on Puget Sound, scarcely sufficient to even get a glimpse of Seattle; yet they prefer to leave their special train over there and go to great expense in coming here rather than miss Victoria.

"It is now becoming a recognized thing that a visit to the Sound is not complete without a trip to Victoria and this is exactly what the Tourist Association has been trying to accomplish."

Asked as to the programme for the coming season and what new attractions were contemplated, he stated that he could not give any information at present, beyond saying that the advertising work abroad, especially on this coast, will be most thorough.

At the next meeting of the executive reports will be received from the attractions and other standing committees that will show that the executive is determined that the association shall more than maintain its strong position, and that in its scope of advertising and its efforts to beautify and improve the city's attractions and means of recreation for its visitors will be thoroughly alive and up to date.

The new members of the executive have brought zeal and new ideas into the affairs of the association and will leave nothing undone that will tend to supplement the work of the old board which will advance the prosperity of the city. It is realized that Victoria is now so well advertised, that her communication with the mainland of British Columbia and the United States are so much improved, the accommodations for visitors are so enlarged and that the old-time dullness for visitors is fast disappearing, that if the right measures are pursued now by the association it is hard to conceive of the immense tourist business that will be possible and the large amount of ready cash that will be left annually with the hotel keepers and business men of the city.

THE RUSSIAN ARMY.

Interesting Notes About the Biggest Military Establishment Extant.

At the present time, when almost everyone is expecting daily to hear that Russia and Japan have come to actual hostilities, some particulars of the Russian army, given by Lieutenant W. C. Rivers in the Idler, are of special interest.

The general obligation for military service in Russia extends, writes Lieutenant Rivers, to all able-bodied men when they become twenty-one years of age, and continues until they are forty-three. About 870,000 men reach the age of twenty-one every year; of these about 287,000 are needed for the active army and the fleet.

A low estimate of the Russian active army in peace puts the number of officers at 36,000 and the rank and file at 869,000. In war it is calculated that 43,000 officers would be required, and that there would be available 3,440,000 trained soldiers for the ranks.

The army, in war time, would consist of field troops, reserve troops, depot troops, fortress troops, local troops, and the Imperial militia, whose various functions will be roughly understood from their designation. The Cossacks serve under special laws. They are liable for service from eighteen to thirty-eight years of age.

The peace strength of an infantry regiment is seventy officers and 1,816 men; the war strength, seventy-nine officers and 3,874 combatant men.

All the army corps have artillery and engineer corps attached to them.

The Russian cavalry is armed with a rifle and bayonet, as well as a sabre. Revolvers or lances are not carried by the cavalry soldiers, but the non-commissioned officers have the former and the lance is carried by certain regiments in peace only.

Notwithstanding the great strength of the Russian army, yet on account of the extent of the territory and frontier, it is perhaps not so large for its uses as the smaller armies of some European states.

And on account of the prodigious expenditure required to re-arm and to re-equip the army with new inventions, it is supposed that the equipment is possibly not all kept up-to-date so closely as that of some other armies.

But, nevertheless, the Russian army forms a most powerful engine, and with the well-known qualities of the race it is confidently to be expected that it will give a good account of itself in any European conflict, though its present field of employment seems likely to be the Far East.

FASHODA OFF THE MAP.

From a feeling of tenderness for French susceptibilities the name Fashoda vanishes from the face of the geography. An official French decree transforms the province of Fashoda into the Upper Nile province. Fort Fashoda becomes Kodok, while the village is rechristened Dabwar.

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Stevenson's team of Nanaimo, defeated the Ladysmith Intermediate team at basketball last evening, 24 points to 6.

An athletic entertainment on a grand scale, will be given in I. O. O. F. hall on Saturday next. The affair is under the able management of Mr. Carribee Sinclair, who has arranged a splendid programme. One half of the proceeds are to be devoted to the funds of the Nanaimo hospital.

The benefit concert which took placet last week, was undoubtedly the greatest financial success of the season, for as much as $126 was cleared, and will be divided between Messrs. Shillito and Anderson, in whose behalf the concert was given. The committee desire to thank all those who took part in the affair.

A school of mines under the superintendence of Mr. J. Cunliffe, was opened here last evening.

The owners of the Majuba claims have recently received very encouraging reports concerning their property. The miners are at present about 23 feet down, and state that the ore improves greatly as they go along. The claims are situated at the back of Ladysmith. Very little doubt is now entertained as to the ultimate success of the property.

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THE SITUATION IN THE ORIENT.

Today's reports of the situation in the Far East are certainly very ominous, but they do not necessarily imply that war between Russia and Japan is inevitable. In these days when telegraphs and cables traverse land and sea in every direction, and at every point there are persons whose business it is to report every current rumor or piece of gossip, there must necessarily be a great deal of chaff mixed with the kernels of solid facts and accurate statements. But giving all consideration to such circumstances, the situation, as weighed by the light of all these reports is certainly grave. As the result of weeks of preparation by the two Governments directly concerned in the dispute, the naval and military forces of the two countries have gradually come to occupy the strategic points selected by their commanders as desirable to be held by them in the event of hostilities being commenced. That Russia should concentrate a large body of troops in the Yalu Valley in order to dominate Northern Korea and threaten any offensive movement that Japan might attempt, was to be expected. But the fact in itself no more indicates that war is inevitable than do the facts that Russia has sent her Mediterranean fleet to the Pacific and accumulated large stocks of provisions and stores of coal at Port Arthur. A similar remark might be made of the active measures taken by Japan to put her forces in a complete state of preparation for actual warfare. But the last word has not yet been spoken, or at least, what its purport is will not be known until the details of Russia's answer to Japan is published and we are informed of the decision reached on it at Tokio.

While foreign military and naval expert opinions seem to be very divergent on the relative strength of the Russian and Japanese forces and on the probable result of a war, there seems to be reason to believe that Japan is in a better condition to carry on the struggle than some of these critics are inclined to admit. It is quite conceivable that the Japanese are somewhat inclined to overrate their country's capacity to meet such a gigantic and formidable opponent as the Russian Empire undoubtedly is. But it is difficult to believe that a Government and people that have shown such extraordinary capacity and organizing ability as the Japanese have displayed in the arts of peace, should prove to be entirely lacking in the possession of those qualities when their efforts are directed to the conduct of a war in which their national security and, perhaps, existence are concerned. There is, of course, one unknown quantity involved in this war. That is the question as to whether Asiatics are a match for Europeans in war, even if the conditions and circumstances under which it is carried on are about equally favorable to both the combatants. So far there has been no opportunity to test this question in modern times under the conditions that are necessary to settle it. Not only Great Britain but other European Powers have frequently defeated immense numbers of Asiatics with a mere handful of troops. But the circumstances were so dissimilar to those that will prevail in a contest between Russia and Japan as to afford nothing on which an opinion on the matter can be formed that would be of any value.

Among the items in today's despatches is one indicating that possibly China may be led to form an offensive and defensive alliance with Japan. Such an arrangement might lead to complications that would involve other nations in the war and entirely change the situation. It is believed that the Court at Peking is distracted as to whether it should accept Russia's offer of protection or throw itself on the support of the Powers that have declared for the maintenance of the territorial integrity of the Chinese Empire. To an outsider it appears incomprehensible that there should be any hesitancy as to which step should be taken. But these things cannot be gauged by a standard such as we should apply to the consideration of European state affairs, and Russian diplomacy has often succeeded in allaying the suspicions of the victim it was about to destroy.

THE MUNICIPAL ACT.

The Municipal Committee of the Legislature has completed its report of the amendments that it suggests in the Municipal Clauses Act, and it is probable that they will be accepted by the House. There is, however, one feature in regard to the Municipal Act itself which, we think, requires consideration with a view to radical changes in the character of legislation dealing with civic municipalities. That is the growing practice of introducing provisions in the Act dealing with the conditions in some particular town and applicable only to that place. In other words, under the shelter of the General Municipal Act, what is practically special local municipal legislation is being enacted. Some people hold that there should be no special charters granted, but that every city or town desiring incorporation should be compelled to come under the provisions of the General Municipal Act. There is a good deal to be said in favor of complete uniformity in all the details of legislation on this subject, but that principle is departed from if in a General Act provisions are inserted applicable only to some particular town. We can easily understand how such an innovation came to be adopted. Until a comparatively few years ago Victoria was the only town with any considerable population in the Province. Certain powers were necessary for dealing with her municipal affairs satisfactorily that were not suitable or adapted to the conditions existing in much smaller towns. Yet as all were incorporated under the General Act an insistence on the same provisions would have operated inconveniently to the larger or the smaller places. To meet this difficulty provisions applicable only to Victoria were inserted, this method being first adopted some ten or twelve years ago. Now other towns in the Province are beginning to apply for similar special provisions, and it will be difficult to refuse to treat all towns alike. Yet to allow such a practice to continue and to be greatly extended would entirely destroy that uniformity in municipal legislation that a General Act is designed to secure, and would give a number of towns all the advantages of special charters without the cost of getting a private bill passed through the Legislature.

When the late Mr. Davie attempted to pass very radical changes in municipal legislation through the House in 1895, it was then suggested that there should be three classes of municipalities recognized by the law and separate Acts be passed in accordance with that arrangement. Towns or cities of a certain population were to come under one category with as complete civic organization as was required for the various conditions of a populous centre. Small towns were to be dealt with in another class, with municipal machinery on a more modest scale than in the former class. Rural municipalities were to come under separate provisions. The experience of the last few years shows that it would have been well had that suggestion been adopted. The desirability, if not, indeed, the necessity, of a change in the direction we have indicated is shown by the appearance of these special clauses in the General Municipal Act, and we think that the Government should give some attention to this question and introduce measures at the next session dealing with the matter. No provisions applicable only to some particular town should be permitted in a General Act. By separating civic municipalities into two classes, as mentioned above, there would be no difficulty in framing a bill to meet all ordinary conditions, and if some town desired to have authority given to it in some matter that concerned no other place, it should be required to promote a private bill. If we are to have general legislation on any matter, there should be a strict adherence to that principle. Now that towns are springing up in all parts of the Province, many of them with local conditions different from those in other places, a continuance of the present method will cause much inconvenience in the future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

STREET REPAIRING.

Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. R. E. Jackson, has done good service in calling attention to the matter of street repairing in Rae street. This system is too common here, and it is well public attention should be called to it. Hill street is a short, but much traveled thoroughfare, in which a prodigious amount of blasting was done last August for the smallest possible public benefit, and immense piles of stone have blocked the south side from that day till the present time. The street itself is in an abominable condition, depressions filled with water and at times almost impassable to pedestrians. Here the material for the repair, so much needed, has lain some six months and is now being carted away to the repair of other streets, so that fresh material may be carted back from some other street at still further day work cost. At least one half of this material could have been scattered over the worst places from the heaps where it lay at the smallest expense. There is no lack of good road material, neither is there any lack of bad roads, but there is a terrible lack of good management.

RATEPAYER.

ANOTHER PLEA FOR THE BEAVER.

Sir,—I wish to endorse Mr. Sidney Williams' timely plea for the preservation of the noble beaver, and I hope that every surveyor will back him up. The history of the beaver is unique. They were common in Wales over 1,000 years ago. They have since been exterminated from France, Germany, Austria, Russia, Poland, Sweden and Norway. I believe a few still remain in two districts of Norway and some are known to have frequented the Elbe as late as 1878. Canada is the natural home of the beaver and this animal is the crest of the Canadian Dominion.

The conquest of Canada was fought, in a measure, on the value of the fur of this the largest rodent we have. The early wealth of the Hudson's Bay Company was built on the value of this fur. The engineering feats of the beaver are too well known to require repetition. Every well informed hydraulic engineer will doff his hat to the beaver. Why then should this noble animal be wantonly destroyed? The nature and extent of British Columbia affords better protection to the beaver than any other Province in Canada, with the possible exception of parts of Northern Quebec and Ontario. It would not be asking too much from our provincial government to set aside a large beaver preserve. We have exterminated the buffalo from our prairies. If we don't adopt the stringent remedial measures proposed by Mr. Williams we shall also wipe out the beaver, our national animal. I hope the papers of the province will take this matter up editorially.

J. H. BROWNLEE.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 5th, 1904.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

The second clean-up at the Oyster mill, owned by the Great Northern Mines, took place this week. In an interview with manager Pool, it was learned that the result of the mill run for January was 200 ounces of gold of an approximate value of $3,000. We will endeavor to publish a fuller report in next issue.—Cambourne Miner.

Another one of the pioneers of the district passed away on the 2nd inst., in the death of Patrick Coghlan, at Lansdowne, at the age of 78 years. Mr. Coghlan was among the most respected of the old timers and commanded the esteem of all with whom he came in contact, by his strong sense of duty to his neighbor and to his God. He was a devout Catholic, and leaves four daughters and two sons to mourn his loss. The seed of his Christian life has borne good fruit, as three of his daughters have, as sisters of charity, devoted their lives to the work of Christ. The funeral takes places today at the Head of the Lake from the Catholic church, Rev. Father Roy officiating.—Vernon News.

It is difficult to give the exact total of the fortunate guests who were distributed through the residence of Mrs. G. R. Ashwell on Thursday evening last, but it can be safely asserted that those who were present had a particularly marked semblance of that "at home feeling." Probably the young lady who had charge of the hall had something to do with this, who, with natural grace, placed the new arrivals at ease. Well might Emerson say: "The adornments of a house are the friends who frequent it." The possibilities of polite chaos reigning at an empire social is out of all consideration.—Chilliwack Progress.

The appointment of a zinc expert by the Dominion government would be of great benefit to British Columbia. Many of the mines have not the requisite capital to employ expensive experts and those that have will retain the information obtained for their own advantage. A thorough knowledge of the zinc resources and possibilities of this country would greatly assist those camps in which zinc is more or less prominent.—New Denver Ledge.

As will be seen by the school report in another column, the average attendance at the Armstrong school for the month of January was 98 pupils, the total number registered being 106. This is a very creditable showing, when the distance some of the pupils have to travel is considered.—Armstrong Advertiser.

The concentrator of the Rossland Power Co., now being erected here, is progressing rapidly, fifty carpenters being at work, besides a large number of other men. The building is completed with the exception of a few windows yet to go in. Work will be carried on continually with an increasing force of men and it is expected that all the buildings connected with the concentrator, cyanide plant and oil concentrating plant will be completed, machinery installed and in operation by next July.—Trail Creek News.

PRESS COMMENT.

"V. C." tells an admirable story of beauteous Kesa, who loved her husband, but who was herself sought by her wicked and powerful cousin, Molito. Knowing that Molito would take her husband's life unless circumvented by guile, she laid a terrible plot. Summoning Molito, she told him that on a certain night her husband would be sleeping in a certain room and that she intended to unloosen his hair so that under no circumstances could he be mistaken for another man. On the night in question Molito entered the room, severed the sleeper's head with his sword, and, holding it up to the moon by the hair—beheld the face of Kesa herself.—London News.

A club to a woman is not in the least what it is to a man. To begin with, for a man to belong to some of the best-known ones gives him a certain amount of social prestige; but who ever heard of a woman who was considered "all right" because she was a member of one of the numerous institutions in "Petticoat Lane," as Dover street is called? Men go to their clubs for repose and quiet, women apparently for excitement, either intellectual or frivolous.—Ladies' Field.

"A new graft has been discovered in Sedalia," says one of the papers at that place. "Every night for some time past the men's waiting room at the Missouri Pacific station has been crowded with men sleeping in the seats. When asked their business there by station attendants, they invariably resurrect tickets to some nearby town and said that they were waiting for trains. A few days ago about fifty of these regular boarders applied at the ticket office to have the tickets redeemed. The agent then got next to the fact that the tickets were purchased for the sole purpose of banking in a warm room."—Kansas City Journal.

The authorities will have to keep their eye on the hatpin, which appears to be increasingly used as an aggressive weapon, just as the belt has been diverted from its proper use by the rough. The wearing of swords by civilians in everyday life has happily gone out, and it looks as if the wearing of hatpins by women who cannot control their temper will also have to be suppressed.—Westminster Gazette.

The Cockney of the future will indeed be a lusus naturae—a man calling himself an Englishman, without a drop of British blood in him. The future history of London should be most interesting reading. In fifty years' time, at the present rate of progress, it ought to be a completely foreign city. The questions that suggest themselves are: Will it then remain the seat of the government, and what effect will a capital peopled by foreigners have upon the rest of the world?—New Liberal Review.

THE ROAD IS SO LONESOME BETWEEN.

When the crickets chirp in the evening,
And the stars flash out in the sky,
I sit in my lonely doorway,
And watch the children go by.
I look at their fresh young faces,
And hark to each merry word,
For to me a child's own language
Is the sweetest e'er was heard.

And so I sit in my doorway
In the hour that I love the best,
And think as I see them passing,
My child will come with the rest;
Think, when I hear the clicking
Of the little garden gate,
My darling's hand is upon it—
O, why has she come so late?

But the days have been slowly weaving
Their warp of toil in my life;
The weeks have rolled on me their burden
Of waiting and patience and strife;
The flowers that came with the summer
Have finished their errand so sweet,
And autumn is drooping her harvests
Mellow and ripe at my feet.

And yet my little girl comes not.
And I think she has missed her way,
And strayed from this cold, dark country
To one of perpetual day.
I think that the angels have found her,
And, loving her better than we,
Have begged the Good Father to keep her
Right on, through eternity.

Perhaps. But I long to enfold her,
To tangle my hand in her hair,
To feast my starved mouth on her kisses,
To hear her light foot on the stair.
I am but a poor, selfish mother,
And mother hearts starve, though they know
Their children are drinking the nectar
Prof lies in heaven that blow.

Some day I am sure I shall find her—
But the road is so lonesome between,
My spirit grows sick and impatient
For a glimpse of the pastures so green;
Till then I shall sit in the doorway.
In the hour that my heart loves best,
And then when the children pass homeward,
My child will come with the rest.

—Mary Riley Smith.

MEN AND THINGS.

When Mr. James Redford stood as a Radical candidate for Norwich the Conservatives professed a loyal and furious rage because he had spoken of Her Majesty the Queen as "the old lady. I remember (says the writer) having tea, or dinner, at Hellesdon House just at the time Conservative orators were making capital out of this incident. "It is the sheerest humbug," said Sir Harry, in his blunt vehement fashion; "why, I always call my wife my old woman.'"

The Lord Mayor of Birmingham has invited the working men of the city to attend a meeting to hear Sir Oliver Lodge, whom he has induced to deliver a lecture on radium for the special benefit of the artisans of the city.

At the opening of the Prussian Diet, the Kaiser, after waiting in vain for the three cheers which usually follow his speech, actually started to walk out without them. The oldest member of the Diet, whose privilege it was to propose the cheers, forgot to do so. The wonder is that His Majesty did not propose them himself.

Two burglars broke into the express office at Elmhurst, Long Island, and stole the two heaviest packages they could find. After they were captured they discovered that the packages consisted entirely of tracts.

The flesh of reindeer may now be bought at any time in the Berlin markets. It is brought frozen from Finland and Lapland.

There are 227 lead pencil factories in Germany, which employ 2,813 persons and export each year 1,014 tons of pencils, worth $2,000,000.

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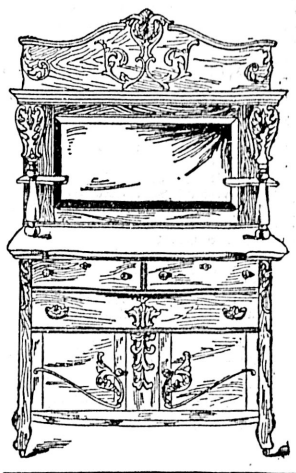

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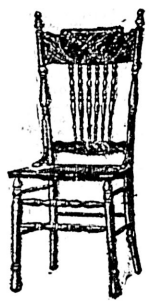

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Local News.

"The Mystic Spring."—This remarkable historical story by "D. W. H." will appear in tomorrow's Sunday Colonist. It is full of incidents and surprises, and is one of the very best tales Mr. Higgins has yet produced.

Material for Flats.—A Victoria West resident yesterday suggested that if the city council were really anxious for material to fill in the James' Bay mud flats there was any amount of mud on Esquimalt road which the residents in the western portion of the city were perfectly willing to see carted away.

Point Ellice Bridge.—The construction gang are placing the extra longitudinal girders in place for the sidewalks on the Point Ellice bridge. They are also putting on the outside railing and are busy riveting on the third span. The floor girders on the first span have been painted and the city carpenter is very busy getting out the timber for the flooring.

Monday's Attraction.—The next attraction at the Victoria theatre is "Human Hearts," which will hold the boards on Monday evening. It is a popular and highly successful play with a company of superior excellence and strength. Mr. Reid, the author of the play, is an actor of wide experience and fully understands the art of play-making from the standpoint of both the spectator and the actor. His effects are produced quickly, but none the less does he hold potent sway over the passions of his auditors.

Drill Hall Concert.—The game of basketball to be played at the Drill hall this evening between the Fernwood and J. B. A. A. teams, promises to be a closely contested one. Both teams have been putting in some faithful practice and consequently both are in splendid form. As this game counts in both the provincial and city leagues, a warm contest may be expected. The musical numbers to be rendered by the regimental band are up to the usual standard.

In Chambers.—In chambers yesterday morning Mr. Justice Martin presided and disposed of a number of applications. In Camsusa et al vs. Coigdarripe, an application for further particulars, was dismissed, with costs to defendant in any event. Crease for plaintiff, Wootten for defndant. Re Lenora Richards, deceased, an application for administration papers, stood over for further evidence of death. Re Gordon, deceased, application to fix remuneration; stood over for further evidence of death; trustees to be served with notice of appeal. In Church vs. McFadden, an application for interrogations; order made.

Hopper vs. Dunsmuir.—In the Supreme court this morning Mr. Justice Drake will deliver judgment in the celebrated case of Hopper vs. Dunsmuir. That it will be awaited with the keenest interest, not only by members of the legal profession, but by the general public, goes without saying. The case, which assumed the nature of a cause celebre, has been before the courts for a long time, the actual time consuming upwards of forty days. The tremendous interests involved will render the judgment one of the most important which has ever been delivered in the courts in this province.

Fat Stock Show.—Great interest is being taken by the farmers of the Island in the forthcoming fat stock show at New Wetsminster. It will be the first held in the West, and will be opened on Tuesday, March 8. The show is being held under the auspices of the Royal Agricultural and Industrial Society of British Columbia. Last fall much discussion was heard at the society's annual meeting regarding the holding of such a show, and it was decided to make the venture. Entries are open to the world, and it is anticipated that Washington and Oregon stock men will make entries, as the show is calculated to do much good for the farmers.

Preparing Programme.—The committee having the matter in hand is hard at work preparing the programme for the celebration of Paardeberg Day by the Fifth Regiment. There will be field gun competition, physical and cutlass drills, tableaux and an awkward squad. A tug-of-war will also take place between teams selected from Nos. 5 and 6 companies. A boxing exhibition is also being arranged. Before the regular programme is started there will be a full parade of the regiment, and it is expected that advantage will be taken of this opportunity to distribute certificates to those who passed the recent military examinations. His Honor the Lieut.-Governor will be present, and will probably present these, as well as the shield for best all-round company to No. 1 company, and other prizes.

A Great Band.—Large audiences are assured at both matinee and evening performances here on Tuesday next of the famous "Kilties" band. Over three years ago this famous Scottish-Canadian organization of musicians was induced to make a short concert tour of the United States. They scored an instant hit, and the requests that poured into the headquarters at Belleville from all over America asking that the band visit their localities, made it necessary to place the organization on a thoroughly up-to-date touring basis. Each season there has been some marked improvement in the entertainment provided. From the first they were recognized as one of the leading musical organizations of the world, but after over three years of constant service, and considering that the band includes some of the greatest musicians that America has produced, they are now admitted to be, musically, at the head of all the big bands.

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Hunt Club Meet.—The members of the Victoria Hunt Club will rendezvous at Colwood this afternoon at 3 o'clock for the usual weekly Saturday afternoon run. A good turnout of members is requested.

Chicken Thieves.—Residents of Tolmie avenue are suffering from the visits of chicken thieves. No less than three or four pens have been robbed during the past week, the latest being that of J. Pearse, from which seven choice birds were stolen.

Awarded Contract.—The contract for erecting the new Victoria creamery has been awarded to ex-Ald. Robert Dinsdale. He has the foundation already well advanced and his agreement calls for the completion of the entire work within six weeks.

Attempted Sucide.—On Thursday a man named Boyle walked into Ladysmith and borrowed a knife, with which he immediately proceeded to cut his throat. He was stopped in time, taken before the magistrate and was brought here this morning to serve three months in prison.

Cheap Fares.—As a result of the St. Paul-Chicago rate war, precipitated by the Soo, Coast lines have announced a reduction in the rates to Atlantic seaboard and intermediate points. Cuts ranging from $1 to $3.50 have been announced on passenger rates to points east of Chicago. The new rates become effective at once.

Lecture Promised.—At the regular weekly meeting of the Young People's Guild of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church the subject was "Why Sunday was the First Day of the Week Instead of the Seventh." Next Tuesday W. M. Ritchie gives his pictorial talk, "Beautiful Canada."

Going North.—On the steamer Amur, which left for the North yesterday evening, a party of White Pass & Yukon employees departed. Others will follow from now until the season of navigation opens. Among those who left were: C. Pardoe, W. Netherby, J. Welsh, F. E. Edwards, J. Merrill, A. Pike and W. E. Williscroft.

Developing Claim.—A mining property of some promise is being developed near Cadboro Bay. It is situated on the western side of Cedar Hill, where James Jones, the owner, has been operating at times during the last few years. A tunnel has been driven in a distance of 150 feet, and the ore found is said to be rich-looking in copper.

Testing Mountings. — The six-inch disappearing guns at Fort Macaulay were tested yesterday morning and made so much din that quite a few of the timid began to think the combined Russian and Japanese fleets were attacking the Pacific coast station. About eight rounds only were fired. The cost of each is roughly £5.

Advance in Opium.—News of a sharp advance in the price of opium is contained in cable messages from Calcutta, received by local Chinese dealers. A year ago the local price per pound was $6.50. This has now been advanced to $8.00 per pound, and as there are between two and three thousand pounds consumed in the Dominion every year the importance of the last raise is obvious. The bulk of this comes from India. The cause of the raise in price has not been stated.

Kennel Club Show.—Every preparation is being made looking to the success of the annual spring show under the auspices of the Victoria Kennel Club. Canvassing committees have been appointed to solicit the support of citizens by the donation of special prizes. It has always been the aim of the local club to make a success of their show by offering every inducement for fanciers to enter dogs. This year a judge will be employed who is an acknowledged authority. There will also be the usual cash prizes and a large list of specials.

Cables Interrupted.—Wm. Christie, local manager of the C. P. R. telegraph office, yesterday issued the following notice: At 10.15 a.m. today we were notified to accept cablegrams for Japan and Korea at sender's risk only. In this connection a New York despatch said: "The significant announcement that telegrams for Japan and Korea can be accepted only at sender's risk was made today by the Commercial Cable Company, which has received the following despatch from its resident manager in China: 'From today telegrams to Japan and Korea can only be accepted at sender's risk.'"

This Month's Peculiarities.—February, the shortest month in the year, has several features which none of the other months possess, especially in Leap Year, when an extra day is added to round out the tally of the year. The first feature is St. Valentine's Day, and soon the show windows of stationers, bookstores, etc., will be flaming with pictures in which hearts and darts, with osculation are prominent. By the 14th the mails will be stuffed and mailcarriers overloaded with missives of all sizes containing sentimental or burlesque professions of love, all of which will be supposed to be earnest.

That Big Exhibition.—The members of the Victoria Agricultural Association who are desirous of securing for this city the Dominion exhibition of 1905, will be interested in the following item which appeared in the Vancouver World of yesterday: "In connection with the efforts which are being made to have the 1905 Dominion Exhibition, with its $50,000 subsidy, go to New Westminster, a petition is being circulated in the business portions of the city. It is already numerously signed, although Mr J. G. Field-Johnson, who is in charge of the papers, has spent but a few hours in visiting the merchants. It is expected that before it is completed the petition will be a monster affair, and will fully represent the best commercial interests of the city."

Texada' Progress.—A correspondent writing from Texada island tells of the mining progress in that district. He says: "The Copper Queen shaft is now down vertically 600 feet into the vein, and its quality is better than ever. The Marble Bay mine is down 460 feet and the ore body is more pronounced in both quantity and quality, and both have taken out hundreds of thousands of dollars of rich ore. The Cornell is now down 500 feet, and is shipping a good, rich copper ore to the smelters regularly. There are now two freighters employed carrying ore to the smelters, and three passenger steamers weekly from Vancouver to the docks here, and we are optimistic enough to believe, if a fair chance is given the rock-bound isle, that ere long we shall need a daily service. We have now three general stores, one church, one public school, two hotels and boarding houses, etc."

The Strand Restaurant.—This establishment, on Hastings street, Vancouver, B. C., has been closed for the past three weeks undergoing a complete renovating, and is now open under the name of the "King Edward Cafe," and is one of the best appointed restaurants on the Pacific Coast, the walls and ceilings being elegantly papered and frescoed. Along the right-hand side as you enter, is arranged a number of neatly furnished cosy rooms for small parties, and at the end is a large and commodious dining room suitable for banquets, etc., and on the left side are neatly arranged tables and a commodious lunch counter. The ranges and cooking utensils are open to view, and an electric fan is constantly running, thus keeping the dining-room clear from any odors arising from the cooking. Mr. Guy Syford presides over this department, and this in itself is a sure guarantee of good service. On the whole, Mr. J. S. Wood, the proprietor, is to be commended, and should be liberally patronized for his enterprise in fitting up this magnificent hostelry.

Sighted Ship's Boat.—On Wednesday last the steamer City of Nanaimo sighted a ship's wooden lifeboat painted white on the sides and copper on the bottom, floating three miles east of the Ballinacs. The boat was about 26 or 30 feet long. The starboard side was stove in. It was quite empty and no name was visible. The heavy weather prevented a closer inspection.

Chinese New Year.—The Chinese residents of the city are making the usual preparations for ushering in in a fitting manner their New Year, which will begin at midnight on Monday, the 15th inst. The many households with which the almond-eyed Johns have dealings, now contain the rapidly-growing and curious Chinese lilies, the superstition being that if they are not in flower on New Year's Day, bad luck will prevail throughout the year.

Another Identification.—With reference to an advertisement appearing in the Colonist of recent date of a letter through the Hudson's Bay Company enquiring for Jonathan Martin, of Kent, Eng., Mr. Robt. C. Bryant called yesterday at the Vancouver agency of this paper and stated that he knew the man for many years, and the last he heard of him was at Gabriola Island, where he went with his family, and is of the opinion that Mr. Martin is dead, but his family are still on the island.

Caretaker's Funeral.—The remains of the late Jon Sigurdson were laid to rest yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the family residence, Moss bay, at 4 o'clock, where impressive services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. E. S. Rowe at the residence and grave. There was a large attendance of friends and many beautiful floral designs. The members of Victoria Tent, No. 2, K. O. T. M., attended in a body. The following acted as pallbearers: Charles Hayward, Ald. Stewart, O. Johnson, J. Bell, G. Murray, F. Crockford.

Takes Back Prisoner.—Chief Crossan of the Nanaimo police force, came down on the noon train yesterday and this morning will return to the Coal City having in custody Paul Newman, charged with a series of burglaries. All the trunks which were broken into at the station, except that of Mrs. Fagan of Ladysmith, have now been examined by their owners, but nothing is missing except a shotgun. Mrs. Fagan's trunk has been forwarded to her and until she is heard from it will not be known what, if any, her loss amounts to.

The Mayoralty.—With the completion of all arrangements of Returning Officer Northcott for the holding of nominations for the office of mayor on the 12th inst., and the clearing up of the doubt which existed as to the exact status of Mr. G. H. Barnard, the question of the late dilemma has been dropped from public discussion. It is taken as a certainty that when Mr. Northcott calls for nominations there will be but one, that of G. H. Barnard, this implying his reelection by acclamation. In the meantime Ald. Grahame is pro tem the chief magistrate of the city and dealing with the various duties of the office with the skill of a veteran.

Deluded Japanese.—The three Japanese arrested at Vancouver for stowing away on the steamship Empress of China, had a strange story to tell in the police court. They say that they paid a Japanese 220 yen, or about $110 to secure them tickets to British Columbia. He took them to the steamship and put them aboard, and then said he would go and get the tickets. He never returned. The steamship sailed, and they were on board without tickets. A Chinaman told them that if they would give him thirty yen each he would hide them away, but they were soon discovered. They have still left eighty yen each. The case was remanded.

A Washington Poultry Show.—A member of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association calls the attention of the Colonist to the fact that while the late local show was very poorly patronized, a similar exhibition at Walla Walla Wash., drew immense crowds. A despatch to the Post-Intelligencer from Walla Walla said: "Walla Walla's fifth annual poultry show is meeting with the success it deserves. The attendance today was much greater than yesterday and the hall was filled up better for the reception of the crowds. The work of Judge McClave, of Ohio, who is judging the show this year, was closely watched by fanciers, and a big crowd hovered about the judging stand all day."

Wright Helped Spokane.—"Spokane got $5,000,000 from Whittaker Wright in the sale of Rossland mines," said ex-Senator George Turner, when discussing the tragic end of the British wizard of finance with a representative of the Spokane Spokesman-Review. Wright supplied fortunes to put Spokane on its feet six years ago, after the hard times. Spokane mining men had plunged heavily in Rossland camp, and were loaded to the guards with stock. They controlled the district. When Governor C. H. Mackintosh, of Rossland, conceived the plan of amalgamating the mines there, he went to Wright, who was then in the height of his power in London. Wright took up Governor Mackintosh's project and formed the British American Corporation, with a capital of $7,500,000. It was a parent company which bought right and left in Rossland mines in order to control the famous north belt.

Will Victoria Benefit?—It has been a debatable question for weeks past amongst the business men of Victoria as to what will be the effect on conditions in Victoria of the outbreak of war in the Far East. It has been contended, on the one hand, that, commercially, the city would suffer very materially—with withdrawal of the Japanese liners and the probable commissioning of the Empresses in the event of circumstances endangering British interests, resulting in a great loss of business. On the other side, it is argued that a great demand for goods from the Pacific Coast would follow the suspension of industry in Japan to a large extent, that tramp steamers would take the place of the regular liners and that Victoria, in consequence, would, if anything, benefit by the outbreak of hostilities. Many of the large Eastern packing houses have representatives in the Orient, assuming that during hostilities there will be a big demand for meats, butter and cheese.

The Flat-filling Problem.—The special committee of the council to whom was given the task of arranging to get a piece of ground in the vicinity of Spring Ridge for flat-filling purposes, have submitted their report, recommending the purchase of a lot for the sum of $2,000. The matter of arranging the details of acquiring the ground for the corporation is in the hands of the purchasing agent and the auditor. A majority of the members of the council have made up their minds to take hold of the flat-filling problem with a bold hand and insist that the work be undertaken immediately, dredge or no dredge. One prominent citizen put it this way to a Colonist reporter yesterday: "We are not dealing with a tin whistle proposition in this tourist hotel matter—it means the expenditure of $300,000 in the city. Surely the enterprise is of sufficient dimensions to stir us into action to remove every obstacle from the path of its immediate commencement. What does the expenditure of a few extra thousand dollars one way or the other amount to in dealing with a $300,000 enteprise? We moved heaven and earth to get the C. P. R. to consent to the undertaking; and now we sit back moaning 'the dredge, oh, give us back the dredge.' Fill in the dots and fill them in at once! That is the sentiment of the people of Victoria, and the council should know it."

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Funeral Today.—The funeral of the late Miss Sarah Lancaster will take place this afternoon from the residence No. 171 Cook street, at 2:15 p. m., and at 2:30 at St. Barnabas church.

Deputation Coming.—The belated deputation from Vancouver coming to interview the government regarding a new enterprise aiming to connect the Terminal City with northern British Columbia, is expected down tonight or Sunday. They hope to have an interview with the government on Monday.

World's Fair Rates.—Announcements concerning rates to St. Louis, where the World's Fair will be held this year, are already being made. Beginning April 1st and closing December 1st, and commencing with the sailing of the Empress of China from Yokohama, the C. P. R. will book all saloon passengers to Europe by way of the Canadian Pacific route with the option of proceeding via St. Louis. No extra charge will be made. This will enable passengers who may desire to do so to visit the World's Fair, making a stop over if required.

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Whitewear Fair.—This is the week of the big Whitewear Fair at Campbell's Ladies' Outfitting Emporium, Fort street. None should miss it. Call and inspect. No charge made. *

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Before taking stock, B. Williams & Co. are selling Fancy Vests and Smoking Jackets at Half Price for Cash. Big discounts on all lines the order of the day. B. Williams & Co. *

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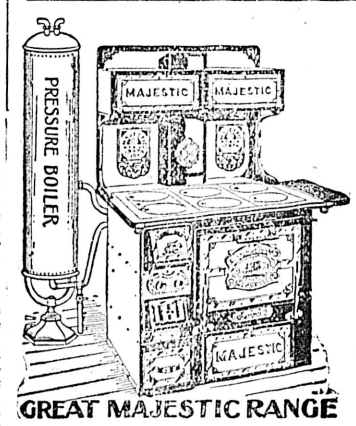

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TODAY'S EVENTS.

10:00 a. m.—Rugby football match, Centrals vs. S. Park and N. Ward at Caledonia grounds.

1:30 p. m.—Rugby Juniors' practice, Caledonia grounds.

2:30 p. m. — Association Intermediate championship at Beacon Hill. Capitals vs. V. W. A. A.

3:00 p. m.—Rugby, Victoria vs. H. M. S. Flora at Caledonia grounds.

3:00 p. m. — Association, at Canteen grounds. Victoria vs. H. M. S. Flora.

3:00 p. m. — Association at Macaulay Point grounds, Y. M. C. A. vs. H. M. S. Flora 2nd XI.

9:15 p. m. — Basketball at Drill Hall. Senior league game which will count for Provincial Championship, J. B. A. A. vs. F. Y. M. A.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Central vs. South Park and North Ward.

The following will represent the Central team: Full back, C. Kinlock; three-quarters, F. Campbell, G. Morley, R. McKitterick and S. Noel; halves, S. Nesbitt and R. Shanks; forwards, centre, Chambers, McGregar, Johns, Campbell, Knox, Hoosen, Hartman and Smith. Reserve, Sargison and Bagshaw. The game will be played at the Caledonia grounds and will start at 10 o'clock.

Juniors' Practice.

At 1:30 this afternoon the Victoria Juniors will hold a practice game. A large turn-out is expected as the Vancouver Argonauts will be down in a short time.

Victoria vs. H. M. S. Flora.

The Rugby game between the mixed Senior and Intermediate Victoria team and the Flora fifteen, will start promptly at 3 o'clock in the Caledonia grounds, this afternoon. Great interest has been aroused as the struggle is expected to be very close and exciting. The teams will line up as follows:

Victoria—Full back, F. A. Macrae; three-quarters, Ken. Scholefield (capt.), C. E. Berkeley, S. Patton, L. Bell; half backs, J. Bray, W. Newcombe; forwards, P. Austin, R. Janion, W. Moresby, J. Cornwall, C. B. Kennedy, W. Heath, L. Foot, A. Newcombe. Reserves, W. Redfern, B. Prior, B. Green, W. Sweetland, C. Keefer.

Flora—Full back, Lewman; three-quarters, Hume, Lieut. Ramsay (capt.) Ward, Bird; half backs, Lieut. Edgill, Cayley; forwards, Tapper, Uppington, Ankers, Ross, Foot, O'Brien, Eddis, Foley.

Alexis Martin will act as referee.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Victoria vs. H. M. S. Flora.

The following players will represent Victoria in their game with H. M. S. Flora this afternoon at the Canteen grounds: Goal, Jones; backs, Goward (capt.), Gowen; half backs, Thompson, Kinsman, W. Yorke; forwards, Pettierew, Tye, S. Lorimer, J. Lorimer, Shandley. Players are expected to catch the 2:15 car as the game starts at 3 o'clock sharp.

The Flora team is as follows: Goal, Davis; full backs, Weale, Box; half backs, Taylor, Bingham, Griffin; forwards, Read, Anson, Trewicith, Wall, Lieut. Lewis.

Capitals vs. Victoria West.

The long postponed Intermediate league match will be played this afternoon on Beacon Hill, commencing at 2:30. The following players will represent the Capitals: Goal, Temple; backs, Ross and Blackburn; halves, Laing, Temple and Loveridge; forwards, Peden, Cowper, Dunn, Greig and Smith. Subs., Scott, Edmonds and Winkle.

The V. W. A. A. team will be selected from the following players: B. Muir, G. Muir, E. Tait F. Baker, W. Monnegan, H. Provence, H. Jones, C. Jasper, H. Stevens (capt.), J. McArthus, A. Dakers, G. Roller, B. Okell.

Fred Richardson will act as referee.

Y. M. C. A. vs. Flora 2nd XI.

A game will be played this afternoon at Macaulay Point grounds at 3 o'clock. The Y. M. C. A. team is: Goal, White (capt.), backs, Davidson and Northcott; halves, Connor, Harper and Ritchie; forwards, Thompson Bate, Wilson, Hooker and Allott. The Y. M. C. A. players are requested to catch the 2:15 Esquimalt car.

BASKETBALL.

Junior League Table.

When Cloverdale defeated V. W. A. A. on Tuesday evening last, they spoiled the Wests' chance for the championship. The table at present is:

	P.	W.	L.	P.C.
Y. M. C. A.	4	3	1	75
Cloverdale	4	3	1	75
Victoria West	4	2	2	50
F. Y. M. A.	4	0	4	00

James Bay vs. Fernwood.

Tonight at the Drill Hall a Senior City League match will be played. The result will also count in the Provincial League. In this connection Nanaimo are last year's champions, and will play the winners this year to decide the Provincial Championship for 1903-4.

Provincial League.

	P.	W.	L.	P.C.
Sixth Regt., Van.	2	1	1	50
J. B. A. A.	1	1	0	100
Fernwood	2	0	2	00

City Senior League.

	P.	W.	L.	P.C.
V. W. A. A.	4	4	0	100
J. B. A. A.	3	2	1	66 2-3
F. Y. M. A.	2	0	2	00
Y. M. C. A.	3	0	3	00

THE RING.

Young Jackson Beats Donovan.

Baltimore, Feb. 5.—Young Peter Jackson, a colored welterweight boxer, of this city, got the decision over Mike Donovan, of Rochester, N. Y., in their 15-round contest tonight. The colored boy clearly had the better of the argument and was the stronger at the finish.

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KID McCOY BANKRUPT.

Owes His Former Wife $1,966—And Owes $25,264 in All.

Norman Selby, better known as Kid McCoy, who describes himself as an athletic instructor at 159 West Forty-Eight h street, has filed a petition in bankruptcy with liabilities, $25,264 and no assets. The debt were contracted from 1896 to 1903, and are for money loaned, liquors, clothing, deficiency judgments, etc. There are thirty-six creditors, among them being the Banker Bros. Company, $3,000, secured by four bonds on the Pontiac, La Peer & Northern Railway Company. Selby states that he obtained the bonds from Alfred Behrens and Louis Thornan, each of whom appears as a creditor for $4,000, the par value of the bonds. The bonds were deposited as security for a note. The Banker Bros. Company is also an unsecured creditor for $569 for repairs to an automobile. Among the other creditors are the New Amsterdam bank, $650 for money loaned; George Considine, $650 contingent liability on indorsement of a note; William Muldoon, $200 for board; John Simpson, $375 groceries; Louis Snell, $520, money loaned; B. H. Benton, $500, money loaned; Edward Burke, $275, money loaned; Frank Eckert, $1,200, money loaned; John Kelly, $100, money loaned; Warren B. Fales, $500, money loaned; E. J. Heffernan, $466, liquors; Wilson Distilling Company, $480 liquors; Al Powell & Company, $320, clothing; Dr. Savage, $1,000, rent for gymnasium.

Julia E. Selby, his former wife, who is now Mrs. R. Thompson, and John C. Dudley, both of Saratoga, appear in the list of creditors for $1,966 each, on a deficiency judgment. Selby opened a saloon at 1,432 Broadway, corner of Fortieth street, in February, 1900, and carried it on for some time.

SLEEPS UNDER CONFEDERATE FLAG.

There is not in all North Carolina a more ardent ex-Confederate than Dr. James G. Ramsey, of Seaboard, Northampton county. He has taken the oath of allegiance to the United States, but he still sticks to the Stars and Bars. He was here this week to attend the meeting of the directors of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, and was met in company with Col. Thomas S. Kenan and Mr. John C. Drewry, who spoke of him as the most ardent ex-Confederate on earth, who slept upder a Confederate flag, and also had one over his front door, to which all visitors took off their hats. Dr. Ramsey said this was a fact, and that the flag had been there at least fifteen years; one of them tied to a post of his bed over his head, and the other arranged over the front door. Not long ago a visitor from the North came to see the doctor, and of course took his hat off on entering. The doctor told him, with a smile, that he was bowing to the flag, and not to the house itself, which amused the visitor greatly. Dr. Ramsey said that he wants to be buried wrapped in the folds of his beloved flag.—North Carolina Observer.

Seattle Inquiry Now Completed

Captain Roberts Contradicts De Launay and Jensen on Many Points.

Griffiths, a Deck Hand, Declares That Clallam Had Defective Rudder.

Capt. Geo. Roberts, master of the Clallam, again occupied the witness chair on Wednesday afternoon at Seattle, says yesterday's P. I., during the Clallam disaster inquiry and his testimony closed the investigation, probably the most important and far-reaching ever held on Puget sound.

While he repeated in the main the story of the loss of the Clallam, Capt. Roberts left the stand having given a great deal of new and interesting testimony.

Relating that the Clallam left Port Townsend at 12:10 o'clock p.m.; that the wind began blowing strong soon after the vessel rounded Point Wilson, Capt. Roberts stated that the first intimation he had of anything being wrong in the engineer's department was about 2:30 when De Launay spoke up through the tube from below saying that one of the ports had gone. Continuing, Capt. Roberts said:

"De Launay said nothing, absolutely," the captain continued, "about the deadlight or of me getting the vessel's head to the wind. But I then requested the mate to go below and see what was the matter.

"Eighteen or twenty minutes later, shortly after 2:45 p.m., for I looked at the clock at that time, De Launay came up in person. He told me then that the deadlight had broken in and requested me to go below and look at it. There was no discussion as to getting the ship to the wind.

"I went down and when I looked in the water was about three and a half feet deep over the engine room floor. I asked De Launay if he had plugged the deadlight, and he said that he had done all that he could.

"When I returned above I tried to get the vessel around to the wind, but could not do it. Capt. Lawrence then told me that the engines had stopped, with 125 pounds of steam on. After learning that the fires were out and the engines stopped we began to lower the boats, getting them ready about 3:30 o'clock.

"When I went below and found that amount of water I did not think the vessel would last over three-quarters of an hour. The water seemed to be coming in rapidly. I based my action on lowering the boats on the conclusion that the ship could not last a great while. I thought the boats would live. I did not have to urge the people to get in. They were anxious, and in fact, at this time I was not on the passenger deck. I was on the upper deck looking after the lowering of boats.

"Capt. Lawrence, who commanded the first boat, agreed with me. He was a man of experience in marine matters, and I consulted with him. The mate at this time was below. Capt. Lawrence was perfectly willing to take command. He took my boat, No. 1."

Capt. Roberts related that there were two of the crew, Capt. Lawrence and two other male passengers manning the first boat, with Harvey Sears in charge, and two other sailors and some male passengers in the second. There were no women in the third boat, which had two firemen and an oiler of the crew. Capt. Roberts stated that he saw a customs officer jump into the third boat.

Cross-questioned by the inspectors, Capt. Roberts answered:

"I had no idea that there was any water in the ship until I went down with De Launay. But the vessel was going slow.

"Yes, the ship answered her helm perfectly. I did not have to resort to using the auxiliary steering gear.

"I did not at any time know there was anything wrong with the deadlight. It was never reported to me."

Asked if he had heard the testimony of Capt. Robert Hall, the witness stated that he had and that Capt. Hall was mistaken "in saying that I requested the ship go to Victoria. I did not make any request to go to Victoria. I told him to tow me to the nearest place he could possibly get to."

"Did you tell him the ship was leaking? Capt. Whitney asked.

"Yes, sir," answered Roberts.

Making further reply to questions on this point, Capt. Roberts said:

"I thought he would try and tow me around back of Lopez island. After the tug had straightened away I did not call it back because of the loss of time it would have entailed and I thought the ship would float until we could get to Townsend.

"As soon as I knew she was sinking I signaled the Holyoke to come back. About that time the Sea Lion came up and, seeing our signals, responded. We had no time to get our port boats down."

DE LAUNAY ASKS QUESTIONS.

Chief De Launay asked Capt. Roberts how he knew of the condition of the pumps, and the witness replied:

"You told me the pumps choked up."

Capt. Roberts declared, answering De Launay on the question of the Clallam's rudder, that the "vessel steered as well as she ever did."

Having asked Capt. Roberts various questions regarding the rudder, the time he was notified of the condition of things in the engineer's department, and having received unsatisfactory replies, De Launay, addressing the witness, said;

"It is very evident, Capt. Roberts, that these gentlemen will hold me responsible for this accident."

"I object to any conclusions you have," Capt. Whitney interposed. But De Launay persisted:

"I am positive, Capt. Roberts," he said, "that no man will ever convince you that I was responsible."

Capt. Roberts declared that in giving his testimony he had told nothing but the truth, to which De Launay rejoined:

"I hope you have a clear conscience; I have. I was taught from my infancy to tell the truth."

Inspector Turner, addressing De Launay, said: "I believe you told the truth right straight through as you saw it."

Griffiths stated that he had been going to sea more or less for seven years. He declared his belief that the Clallam had a defective rudder and asserted that the passengers could have been transferred from the Clallam to the tug Holyoke, saying:

"If no other way, I would have got a line between the two ships and used a boatswain's chair, sliding the people from one ship to the other."

Griffiths modified his statement, made in the affidavit submitted Tuesday, to the effect that "Capt. Roberts reminded me of a crazy person." The captain, during the lowering of the boats, he said, appeared to be very much excited.

In further explanation how he would have prevented loss of life after the Holyoke came up Griffiths stated that he would have attempted to lower the boats and life raft. This he was convinced could have been done. If the boats could not have lived the raft certainly would.

"The boats lowered were not properly manned," Griffiths said, reverting to the lowering of the boats, "and I would have had a crew of sailors in each."

Capt. Whitney asked Griffiths if his various schemes for preventing the loss of life had not come to him after talking ashore with members of the crew. Griffiths declared that they had not; that he was not excited at any time and never believed the Clallam would sink until just a few minutes before she went down.

"Tell us everything you think was not right in the management of the Clallam," Inspector Turner said, when the witness paused, as if he had concluded his testimony.

"Well, the rudder was not a very good one," Griffiths resumed. "Once coming out of Victoria harbor we had to get the tackles onto it in order to get it to work well. The tackle, I suppose, had to be put on to pull the rudder around. The rudder stock turned, and the tiller would not turn half as much as the rudder."

"Again, we had to tighten the nuts on the rudder several times, once in this harbor."

The witness stated in conclusion that he had found a deadlight open in the steerage, but that he closed it. A little water had come in, but how much he could not tell.

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A citizen in Shelbyville, who is building a house is deserving of the sympathy of his friends. When the outside work was done and the lathing and plastering was under way he incautiously placed a half pint of excellent whiskey on a support next to the weatherboarding. He was called away for half a day, and when he returned he found the lathing and plastering had gone up around the bottle, and there was no way on earth to get it except by tearing the house down on that side. The shiftless workmen, who are responsible for the blunder, were discharged, and the householder is trying to fish out his bottle fro mabove by dropping a cord, with a slip-noose on the end, after the treasure. At last accounts he was still fishing.—Macon (Mo.) News.

PERSONALS.

G. Sheldon-Williams, editor of the B. C. Mining Exchange, came over from Vancouver last night, and is registered at the Dominion.

Mrs. T. B. Macabe and Master Tom Macabe have returned from a two months' visit to relatives in Sausalito, Cal.

E. M. Johnson was a passenger from the Sound yesterday per steamer Princess Beatrice.

Chief McCrosan of the Nanaimo City police, came to the city yesterday by the noon train. He will return this morning with the housebreaker, Paul Newman, in charge.

Frank Scott, one of the three brothers, ranchers on Salt Spring Island, came to the city yesterday and registered at the Balmoral hotel.

Dr. Ernest Hall is over from Vancouver on professional business.

Among the passengers from Vancouver by the Charmer yesterday evening were W. J. Jeffree and wife.

Hon. C. H. McIntosh, who has received the Conservative nomination for Yale-Cariboo for the next Federal contest, was a passenger from the Mainland by the Charmer yesterday evening.

C. E. Tisdale of Vancouver, is in the city.

Thos. Corson of Vancouver, came down on the Charmer yesterday.

A. Wilkinson of Mount Sicker, is among the guests at the Hotel Victoria.

M. E. D. Conklin, one of Manitoba's most prominent public servants, arrived yesterday by the steamer Princess Beatrice, and is registered at the Driard.

Ex-Mayor Macaulay of Dawson, was a passenger from Seattle on yesterday's boat.

Mr. Morris, inspector of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, came over from Vancouver on last night's boat and is registered at the Driard.

Mr. D. G. Marshall, of Vancouver, arrived last night's boat.

Mr. Acerit, supterintendent of the Standard Oil Company, Vancouver, is registered at the Driard.

B. W. Greer, general freight agent C. P. R., was a passenger to Victoria on the Moana and left for Seattle by the steamer Princess Beatrice.

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Arrangements Are Practically Completed to Repeat the Oratorio "The Creation."

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At the meeting of the Lifeboat committee held last Friday afternoon in the secretary's office, one of those present suggested that the ladies and gentlemen who gave Haydn's grand oratorio, "The Creation," with such conspicuous success in December last should be asked to repeat it and hand the proceeds over to the Lifeboat association as a donation to the fund which it is admitted it will be necessary to raise for the purpose in view. On Tuesday last progress was reported and the committee unanimously declared itself ready to co-operate in the reproduction of the grand master's work. Meanwhile the secretary of the late choir has communicated with Mr. Gideon Hicks, the talented conductor who has declared his willingness to undertake the work of conducting both the necessary rehearsals and the performance. Mr. Herbert Taylor, the bass soloist, was spoken to and is willing, although the performance may interfere somewhat with the preparation of the Elijah how going forward. Mr. Jesse Longfield, the organist, is most willing to help, and Dr. Nash, the leader of the orchestra, has also assured the committee of his most hearty support. Dr. E. S. Rowe, the pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church, has answered for the church board, viz., that so far as he could see they would have no objection to the church being used for such a worthy purpose.

Letters have been despatched to the church board here and to Miss Grace Helen Bradley at Tacoma asking her to take the soprano solo again. Mr. Goward was seen yesterday and said "you can count on me," so there is nothing now to prevent the work being carried on to a speedy conclusion.

Until the cantata, "Joan of Arc," has been rendered on the 23rd instant by Mr. William Hicks' choir at the Centennial church no practices will be held, but after that the preparations will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

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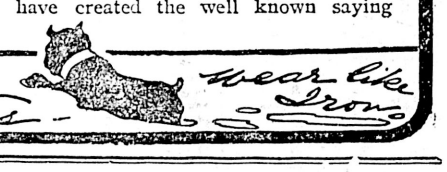

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Victoria	9:00	12:06	Victoria	3:00	7:00
Shawnigan Lake	10:20	10:46	Shawnigan Lake	4:20	5:40
Duncans	11:00	10:02	Duncans	5:00	5:00
Ladysmith	11:57	9:10	Ladysmith	6:05	4:00
Nanaimo	12:40	8:20	Nanaimo	6:41	3:15
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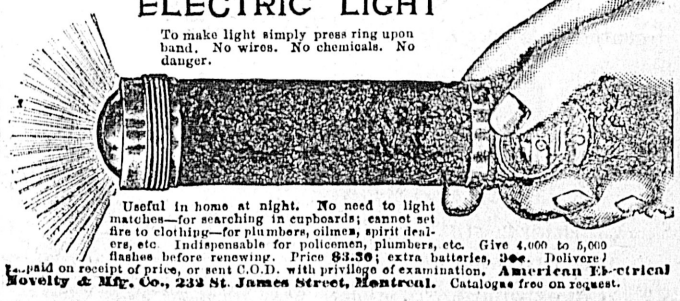

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York, Feb. 5.—Today's stock market was a drifting match, operators for the most part standing idly by and watching the amazing fluctuations in the cotton market and awaiting definite outcome of the peace or war in the Far East. The mere fact of the wild condition of the cotton market was sufficient to exert a depressing influence on stocks whether the price of cotton was advancing or collapsing. The market showed no effective resistance, and the closing was weak and dull. The first marked weakness developed in Wabash preferred and in Pennsylvania and the whole market weakened after the publication of a report that the Pennsylvania interests had issued notes for $50,000,000, for eighteen months at 4½ per cent. Bonds were dull and heavy. Total sales par value, $2,110,000. Bods unchanged on call.

New York, Feb. 5.—The following were the closing prices on the Stock Exchange today:

Amalgamated Copper	46¼
American Sugar	124⅝
American Car & Foundry	18⅞
Anaconda Mining Co.	65
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe	68¼
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe pfd.	89½
Baltimore & Ohio	81½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	40¼
Chicago & Alton	39
Canadian Pacific	116⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	32¾
Chicago & Northwestern	165
St. Paul	141¾
Consolidated Gas, New York	189⅝
Colorado Fuel & Iron	30⅜
Lackawanna & Western	268½
Delaware & Hudson	159¾
Denver & Rio Grande	20½
Denver & Rio Grande pfd	69¾
Kansas & Texas	16½
Kansas & Texas pfd	37
Louisville & Nashville	104½
Manhattan Elevated	141⅞
Missouri Pacific	90⅞
Metropolitan Traction	117½
New York Central	118
Erie Railway	26⅞
Erie Railway 1st pfd	64⅝
Erie Railway 2nd pfd	44½
New York, Ontario & Western	21⅝
Norfolk & Western	58⅜
Pacific Mail	29¼
Pennsylvania Railway	116⅞
People's Gas	99½
Philadelphia & Reading	43
Philadelphia & Reading 1st pfd	80
Rock Island	23
Southern Railway	21¼
Southern Pacific	47⅞
Tennessee Coal & Iron	36
Texas & Pacific	24⅝
Twin City	89½
United States Steel	10⅞
United States Steel pfd	54⅞
United States Rubber	12
United States Leather	7½
Union Pacific	79
Wabash Railway	19¼
Wabash Railway pfd	36
Western Union	87⅞
Wisconsin Central	19¼
Wisconsin Central pfd	43¼
American Ice	7¾
C. P. R. in London	120⅞
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New York, Feb. 5.—Prime mercantile paper, 4½ to 5¼ per cent; sterling exchange, steady at $4.85.55 to $4.85.60 for demand, and at $4.82.90 to $4.83 for 60 day bills; posted rates, $4.87½ to $4.86 to $4.86½; commercial bills, $4.82½ to $4.82⅝; bar silver, 55½; Mexican dollars, 43; government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, heavy.

New York, Feb. 5.—Money on call, easy at 1¾ to 2 per cent; ruling rate, 1¾ per cent; last loan, 1¾ per cent; time loans, firm; 60 days, 3½ to 4 per cent; 90 days, 4 per cent; six month, 4½ per cent to 4½ per cent.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—The following were the closing prices of futures on the Board of Trade today: Wheat, May, 95; July, 95⅛ to 96; Sept., 80⅝. Corn, Feb., 52½ to 56⅛; July, 53¾; Sept., 52¼. Oats, Feb., 43¼; May, 46¼; July, 39¾; Sept., 33¾.

New York, Feb. 5.—Pig iron, quiet; copper, quiet at $12 55 to $12.50; lead, easy; tin, firm; straits, $27.80 to $28.25; spelter, tasy.

London, Feb. 5.—4 p. m.—Consols for money, 87½; consols for account, 87¾.

London, Feb. 5.—Lead, £11 5s.

New York, Feb. 5.—Lead, $4.40.

PASSENGERS.

Passengers per steamer Charmer from Vancouver: W. J. Jeffree and wife, Dr. E. Hall, G. F. Giles, C. H. McIntosh, Jas. Paterson, E. M. McDonald, W. T. Creighton, C. E. Bennett, R. Tonoko, A. L. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Winstole, C. W. Evans, H. K. Morrison, G. T. Floyd, H. O. Floyd, A. R. Shewan, Mr. Shewan, N. Reeves, H. Waller, A. Pier, F. Scott, J. Moore, D. C. Law, C. E. Tisdale, G. E. Macdonald, Thos. Corsan, W. J. Roper, Miss Burris.

Passengers per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle: A. S. Clarke, Mr. Lathrop, E. M. Johnson, W. H. Knight, C. Schmitz, D. Ross, C. S. Burch, H. B. Dunn, P. D. McDonald, Mrs. McDonald, D. S. Johnston, W. Noble, H. Jauku, Eugene S. White, J. B. Bradley and T. G. Wright.

THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office, Victoria, Feb. 5.—8 p. m.

SYNOPSIS.

A trough of abnormally low barometric pressure prevails from this southward to Utah, while from Cariboo eastward to Manitoba a pronounced cold wave has appeared. Rain has been general on the coast southward to California and snow over the interior from Cariboo to Idaho.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	45
New Westminster	38	42
Kamloops	22	30
Barkerville	—2	10
Dawson	—44	—22
Calgary	—10	— 4
Winnipeg	—14	—10
Portland	34	46
San Francisco	40	54

FORECASTS.

(For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) Saturday:

Victoria and Vicinity: Winds chiefly southerly or westerly, unsettled with occasional rains.

Lower Mainland: Light or moderate winds, unsettled with sleet or rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 5

	Deg.		Deg.
5 a.m.	41	Mean	42
Noon	44	Highest	45
5 p.m.	41	Lowest	40

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:

5 a.m. ....16 miles southwest.
Noon ....24 miles southwest.
5 p.m. ....16 miles southwest.

Average state of weather—Cloudy.
Rain—.01 inch.
Sunshine—48 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed........29.616
Corrected........29.649

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Barometer at 5 p .m.—Corrected......29.50

A woman named Fanny O'Connor has recovered $3,500 damages from a commission house for personal injuries caused by slipping on a banana left outside the firm's place of business. It is hard to decide from this information whether the plaintiff or the defendant was the victim of a skin game.

BABY'S DANGER.

The fact that so-called soothing medicines put children to sleep is no sign that they are helpful. On the contrary they are dangerous and distinctly harmful—the little one has been merely drugged into temporary insensibility, the seat of the trouble has not been reached. Never give a child an opiate except under the watchful eye of a competent physician, and remember that all "soothing" medicines contain opiates. When your little one is not well, when it has any little stomach or bowel trouble, or any of the minor ailments of little ones give it Baby's Own Tablets, and it will be safe. This medicine is sold under a guarantee that it contains no opiate or harmful drug. Ask any mother who has used this medicine and she will tell you how her little one has thrived and grown well and strong after taking the Tablets. Mr. T. B. Mitchell, the well-known druggists, Oshawa, Ont., says: "I can safely recommend Baby's Own Tablets from the splendid results they have given my customers and from having used them in our own home." You can get the Tablets from any druggist or by mail from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., at 25 cents a box.

Men's White Linen Cuffs, two pair 25 cents at Army & Navy Clothing Store today.

A DOUBLE RESURRECTION.

Each of the Generals Thought That the Other Was Dead.

Gen. Barlow of the Union army fell wounded and, it was thought, dying, during the first days of the Battle of Gettysburg, and within the Confederate lines. Gen. Gordon, cantering by, saw him and recognized him. Dismounting, he approached the prostrate man and inquired what he could do for him.

"I am dying," said Barlow. "Just reach into my coat pocket, draw out the letter you find there, and read it to me. It is from my wife."

"Now, General," said Barlow, "please destroy that letter. I want you to notify her—she is in the town over yonder—what has happened to me."

He sent for Mrs. Barlow, giving her safe conduct through the Southern lines, and then rode away, certain that Barlow's death was a question of only a few hours at most.

But Barlow did not die. His wife came promptly, and had him removed to the town of Gettysburg, where she nursed him so faithfully that he recovered.

Many years passed, until one night both Generals were guests at a dinner in Washington. Someone brought them together and formally introduced them. Time had altered the personal appearance of both.

"Are you any relation of Gen. Barlow who was killed at Gettysburg?" asked Gordon.

"Yes, a very near relation," answered Barlow with a laugh. I am the very man who was killed. But I have been informed that a man named Gordon lost his life in a battle later on. He saved my life at Gettysburg. Are you any kin to that man?"

"I am he," was the reply.

Both heroes laughed as they gave each other a heartier handshake.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

C. W. Wurtelle, general agent Great Northern railway, was a passenger on the Princess Beatrice.

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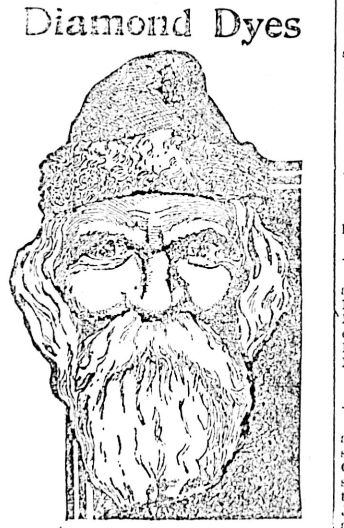

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60,000 Carbons, ⅝ inch x 12 inch, copper coated.

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Tenders must be properly signed, sealed, endorsed and addressed to the undersigned, from whom also specifications can be obtained.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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City Hall, Victoria, B. C., February 4th, 1904.

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NOTICE.

I will not be responsible for any debts hereafter contracted without my order.
GORDON SMITH.

Notice is hereby given that three months after date application will be made to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council by J. W. Mellor & Co., Limited, to change the name of the Company to "The Melrose Coy., Limited."

McPHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD,
Solicitors for the Company.
October 8th, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting as a Licensing Court, for a transfer of my license for the sale of wines and liquors by retail, upon the premises situate on the north side of Johnson street, in the City of Victoria, and known as the International hotel, to Richard McGoldrick.

Dated this 1st day of February, 1904.
GEO. B. HOWARD,
By his Attorney in Fact,
C. A. HOLLAND.

In the Matter of the Will and Estate of Godfrey Kennell, Deceased.

Tenders will be received addressed to the Executors of this estate up to the 12th day of February, 1904, for the purchase of lot No. 61, Victoria City, with the 5 cottages thereon.

The property is situated on the southwest corner of Blanchard and View streets opposite St. Andrew's Cathedral.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Dated 12th January, 1904.
S. PERRY MILLS,
Solicitor for Executors,
Victoria, B. C.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of Matthieu Blacquiere, late of the City of Victoria, Deceased.

Whereas upon application made in the Supreme Court of British Columbia, on the 23rd of January, 1904, probate of the will of the above deceased was granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice Irving to Peter Corr, the executor therein named.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act" all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Matthieu Blacquiere, who died on or about the seventh day of January, 1904, are required to send by post prepaid or deliver to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of March, 1904, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further, take notice, that after the said 7th day of March, 1904, the Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which he then shall have notice and that the said Executor will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 2nd February, 1904.

McPHILLIPS, WOOTTON & BARNARD,
Solicitors for the Executor. Offices Bank of Montreal Chambers, corner of Government and Bastion streets, Victoria, B. C.

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The numbers of the drawn debentures will be duly advertised for the information of the holders thereof.

J. H. LAWSON,
Secretary.
Wharf Street, Victoria, Jan. 23rd, 1904.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within the tract of land bounded on the south by the southern boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 30th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway land grant.

LEONARD H. SOLLY.
Land Commissioner.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply at the next session of the Board of License Commissioners of the City of Victoria, for a transfer of the license now held by me to sell liquors by retail upon the premises known as the "Everett Exchange" Saloon, Esquimalt road, to Phillip Crombie.

FRED MASON.
By his Attorney in Fact.
W. F. DICKSON.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the License Commissioners at the next sitting of their board for a transfer of the license issued in my name for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors by retail at the Victoria Theatre building, Imperial Hotel, on View and Douglas streets, 'n the city of Victoria, to Jacob J. Schmidt, of the said city of Victoria.

Dated at Victoria, this 15th January, 1904.

JOHN H. GOSNELL.

NOTICE is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Licensing Commissioners at their next sitting for the transfer of the license now held by me, to George L. Jones, for the purpose of selling wines, spirits, beer, etc., on the premises known as the "Albion" Saloon, situated on the corner of Commercial Alley and Yates street, in this city.

JAMES McMANUS.
Dated Victoria, B. C., December 24th, 1903.

NOTICE.

Having purchased the business of Steitz's Restaurant, I beg to announce that the same will be conducted in a first class manner in my name.

R. STEITZ.
Victoria, Jan. 15th, 1906.

Notice is hereby given that Robert Martin of the city of Vancouver, B. C., will at the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof, apply to His Excellency the Governor-General in Council, for a grant of the foreshore rights in Port Simpson Harbor, in the Province of British Columbia, adjoining the east fractional half (½) of section three (3), township one (1), range five (5), in the Coast District of British Columbia, of which said lands the said Robert Martin is the registered owner. And notice is further given that the plans of the said foreshore have been deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa and with the Registrar of Deeds at Victoria, B. C., pursuant to the statute.

O. L. SPENCER,
Solicitor for Applicant.
Dated at Vancouver, B. C., 20th January, 1904.

NOTICE.

The reward of $1,000 offered for information that would lead to the finding of David Ferguson, dead or alive, has been withdrawn this day by me.

J. M. LANGLEY,
Chief of Police.
February, 5, 1904.
(Times Copy.)

NOTICE

A reward of $150 each will be paid to any person or persons furnishing information which will lead to the arrest of Wong Lam Yuen, Wong Hung, Wong Sam, and Wong Saen; who are charged with the murder of Man Quon at Victoria, B. C., on the 31st January, 1904.

J. M. LANGLEY,
Chief of Police.
February, 5, 1904.
(Times Copy.)

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LOST—Purse on Pandora avenue, containing money and registered letter receipt in favor of M. Woods. Please return to Pemberton & Son, 45 Fort street. f3

LOST—In town, Wednesday, beadwork belt. Return Colonist office. f5

LOST—A set of drawings posted at Victoria to W. F. Bullen, Esquimalt, about 10 days ago. Suitable reward will be paid on application to office of B. C. Marine Railway Co. f4

FOR SALE—PROPERTY.

FOR SALE—Charming city lots with lovely sea view. Frontage on Moss street and Dallas road. Apply Messrs. Jas. A. and Jno Douglas, over 69 Government street. f6

FOR SALE—$1650—Good cottage, 6 roms, lot 72x120, on car line; A1 locality. B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., 40 government street. j24

FOR SALE—Two full-sized lots near town, cheap, or exchange for live stock. X., this office. j16

FOR SALE—15 acres near R. R. station, school, telephone, etc., with modern six-roomed house and barn, 2 acres in orchard. V. C. Commission Co., 23 Fort street. j22

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pleased than himself. Under his act of last year quite a number of applications was made, and he was going to propose that no applications made then should stand under this so as to save further and unnecessary trouble.

Mr. Parker Williams credited Mr. McInnes with having made strenuous efforts to have this affair righted, both in the provincial and federal houses. One of the chief advantages of this bill would be the settling of the dispute for the sake of the children who would inherit those steadings. He was glad to see that this was not being made a mere party question, but that both sides were in practical agreement.

The second reading carried, and was committed, Mr. Ross in the chair.

The gist of the bill is as follows:

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a.) "Railway Land Belt" shall mean the lands described by section 3 of chapter 14 of 47 Victoria, being "An Act relating to the Island Railway, the Graving Dock, and Railway Lands of the Province":

(b.) "Settler" shall mean a person who, prior to the passing of the said Act, occupied or improved lands situate within the said railway land belt, with the bona fide intention of living thereon.

Upon application being made to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, within twelve months from the coming into force of this Act, showing that any settler occupied or improved land within said railway belt prior to the enactment of chapter 14 of 47 Victoria, with the bona fide intention of living on the said land, accompanied by a reasonable proof of such occupation or improvement and intention, a Crown grant of the fee simple in such land (reserving, however, the gold and silver therein) shall be issued to him or his legal representative free of charge and in accordance with the provisions of the Land Act in force at the time when said land was first so occupied or improved by said settler.

The rights granted to the settler under this Act shall be asserted by and be defended at the expense of the Crown.

Chapter 26 of the Statutes of 1903, being the "Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act, 1903," is hereby repealed.

Mr. Macdonald (Rossland) discussed at considerable length the legal aspect of the bill and offered an amendment to Section 3, substituting right, title and interest of the province for Crown grants in fee simple.

The Premier said the effect of this would simply be giving those people something which was worth nothing. He had never heard of a single quit claim deed being issued by the Lands and Works Department. He did not think there was such a thing on record in this province. The leader of the opposition need have no fear that the issue of the Crown grants would lead to abuses later on. The government felt within its rights in asking the House to clothe the Lands and Works Department with power to issue these grants to the settlers. The government expected that there would be subsequent trouble, and this had been anticipated in section 4 of the present Act. He could assure the opposition that the government's intentions were absolutely honest, and he hoped this bill would solve the problem, and he hoped Mr. Macdonald would withdraw his amendment.

Mr. Macdonald accused the Premier with having avoided the points raised by himself. In raising the point it was not to make party capital, but to assert a right not to be overlooked. He then proceeded to discuss the relative rights of the company on the one hand and the settlers on the other. The point was whether or no the land had been occupied by the settlers when the E. & N. railway came into possession of the land. The question before the House was whether the government should issue title to lands which were in dispute. He held that to issue a deed in fee simple to those settlers was to place this province in a false position and misleading ourselves; issuing a document which says one thing on its face, and yet may mean something very different. His whole sympathy was with the settlers.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite condemned all this as a mere legal quibble, and said it was evident that he had not made a proper study of this question. The whole question hinged on the right of the settler to a Crown grant in fee simple or not. This bill purports to give them that and nothing more or less; nothing in the bill could possibly mislead the settlers. The E. & N. of course, would fight this matter to the bitter end, employing the best counsel available. The terms of union provided that those reserves of land for railway purposes should be open to pre-emption; he asserted that such reserves had been placed in the E. & N. belt and that the settlers went upon the land under the protection of the law as it stood at that day. Why should the House go behind the Statute to deprive those men of their rights? Such a deed as the hon. member for Rossland suggested would lead to endless litigation; what the government proposed to do would once and for all settle this vexed question.

Mr. Macdonald continued his consideration of the matter from its legal standpoint.

Hon. Mr. Wilson said that to bring those men into court without some proper grounds for their claims would be absolutely useless. It had been thought better as a means of reinstatement to grant them a Crown grant in fee simple. Then the matter would have to be determined by the committee; that was the object of the government.

Mr. Macdonald said it was impossible to give to those settlers what the province had not to give them, namely, a fee simple. He could not conceive of the Attorney-General putting forth in a court of justice the arguments he had just laid before the House. The settlers were asking for bread and the government was giving them a stone. The settlers would come back to the legislature and ask why they had been deceived.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite wanted to know what the difference was between a quit claim that meant nothing, and a Crown grant in fee simple that, as Mr. Macdonald claimed, also meant nothing. The government of past days had neglected their duty in this matter; the present government had determined to do its duty to the utmost of its power. Mr. Macdonald said the proposed Crown grant might mean compensation; he (Mr. Hawthornthwaite) hoped that it might do so. If an act of injustice had been done to these settlers it was the government's duty to see it put right. If it turned out that the grant cannot be upheld by the courts, then compensation should be granted. A quit claim deed would result in the settlers being deprived of all appeal and compensation should the quit claim deed fall to the ground.

Mr. Macdonald defined the difference between the two propositions, contending that a Crown grant in fee simple was simply a case of self-deception as the province had no power to grant it.

Mr. McInnes thought it was not of very great importance to the beneficiaries under this Act what style of deed they got. He had been impressed by the Attorney-General's remarks, and thought them right. An ordinary Crown grant in fee simple would be very much better in the eye of the law, as a means of claim to the land; it would be much stronger than the other grant. He did believe the province gave every guarantee of title when it issued a Crown grant. If it turned out that the province could not convey these lands then it would become a matter for compensation. Mr. McInnes then discussed the relative merits of the quit claim deed, and showed that it really did not matter very much whether the settler received a Crown grand deed or a quit claim deed; it did not make a great deal of difference, except that a Crown grant deed might give the settler a better standing did his case come up in court.

Mr. Macdonald's amendment on being put to vote, was lost.

Mr. Macdonald challenged section 4, which provides for the assertion and defence of the settlers' rights, and asked the Premier for particulars, which were cheerfully given, the Premier explaining that the Attorney-General's department would have the supervision of those test cases. The government was trying to right what they felt was a wrong. The Premier said that the leader of the opposition need give himself no excessive anxiety or apprehension in the matter. All the different clauses of the case involved would be fully considered.

Mr. Macdonald moved in amendment to section 4 that only test cases shall be taken up and dealt with at the expense of the Crown.

The Attorney-General suggested that this could be met perfectly well by adding to the section that a certain number of test cases shall be selected.

The Premier scathingly criticized Mr. Macdonald's conduct in quibbling over finical legal minutiae and failing to grasp the main question. He had been led to understand that Mr. Macdonald was sincere in his assertions that he was desirous of seeing right done to those people; but he must doubt that hon. gentleman's asseverations on hearing him split hairs in this manner. He asked Mr. Macdonald to withdraw his objections and let the section go through as printed.

Mr. Macdonald said he had merely been trying to prevent the province being landed into an abyss of litigation. He held that the section was not clear enough, as it did not show whether the settlers or the Crown should institute proceedings. All he suggested was that the Attorney-General should select a few test cases from the number.

The Premier denied ever attempting anything like elocutionary displays; he was sorry he had touched the leader of the opposition on the quick by his remarks, but could not say they were unmerited. Mr. Macdonald was acting in an inconsistent manner, and it might be concluded that he really did not care a fig for the rights of the settlers so long as he could indulge in rhetorical and legal quibbling. This was a most important question, and the government was trying honestly to give to those settlers the rights for which they had contended so long. He trusted that Mr. Macdonald would forsake the mistaken line he had adopted and follow one that would more conduce to his dignity as the leader of the opposition.

Mr. Macdonald's amendment was put to vote and lost 16 to 19.

Mr. McInnes' amendment in addition to section 5, to the effect that all applications for Crown grants should be deemed to be made under this Act, was carried.

Mr. Macdonald objected to the inclusion of the following paragraph in the preamble of the bill:

"And whereas all of said settlers are entitled to peaceable and absolute possession of said land occupied by them and title thereto in fee simple, in accordance with the Statutes of British Columbia at the time existing governing the disposal of publis lands."

He asked Mr. Hawthornthwaite if he would object to the elision of this clause.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite indignantly replied that he would not, and severely criticised Mr. Macdonald for his hair-splitting and carping and then begged that gentleman to adopt a broader view of things. The settlers had suffered horrible injustice. He ridiculed Mr. Macdonald's dread of offending the proprieties. The bill was a straightforward attempt to give those settlers their rights. Why could not the leader of the opposition come out in a manly way and fight the bill and not take shelter behind mere legal technicalities and ethical finicalities. A grievous injustice has been done to these settlers, and why should the House waste its precious time in petty quibblings fit only for a law court. There was a broad principle here which Mr. Macdonald was sadly missing by his passion for minutiae and paltry details. This was no time for taking the decisions of judges and courts of law of this country in this matter. there were certain rights to which those settlers were entitled and the legislature should give them; the government by its bill, declared that those men have a right to those lands.

Mr. Macdonald in reply, said that no more unpopular stand could be taken by any public man than to defend the rights of the E. & N. railway and those who owned it. If a public man stood up for justice to that corporation or the Dunsmuir he was immediately held up to the execration of the populace as a defender of that family and corporation. He appealed to the House as to whether it was reasonable to suppose that he as leader of the opposition, could take such a stand. He then went on to charge various members of the House with inconsistency, the members mentioned having, he alleged, changed their minds on this matter. He mentioned also the speech delivered by the hon. member for Nanaimo on this subject, and his pamphlet on the same, which had failed to have the effect intended. All that he contended for was to keep the position of the province perfectly clear, and held that this was the proper statesmanlike procedure.

The Attorney-General could not regard this portion of the preamble, as in any sense a reflection or attack upon the tribunals of the country. This was the highest tribunal in the province, and acting in the best interests of the people. There could be no harm in asserting what the House believed to be the truth, that those people were entitled to the land upon which they had settled.

Messrs. Drury, Henderson, Oliver and Munro took strong exception to the inclusion of the section mentioned, and also to one immediately preceding it, which is as follows:

"And whereas certain of the settlers within the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Land Belt were evicted in 1895 at the instance of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company, on decision of the courts that the land was not open for settlement."

The committee reported the bill complete with amendments. Report to be considered next sitting.

SUPREME COURT ACT.

The report of the Supreme Court Act was considered and the following amendments were submitted:

By Mr. Bowser, to amend section 66, lines five and six, after the word "law," by striking out the words "and as to the evidence applicable to such issues," and inserting the words "but the judge shall make no comment on the evidence." Lost.

The Hon. Mr. Wilson moved to strike out section 100 and insert the following:

"100. The costs of every appeal to the Full Court and of the trial and hearing of every cause or matter shall follow the event: Provided that nothing herein contained shall deprive an executor, administrator, trustee, or mortgagee, who has not unreasonably instituted or carried on or resisted any proceedings, of any right to costs out of a particular estate or fund to which he would be entitled according to the rules hitherto acted upon; except:

"(a.) Where the title to real estate, or some interest therein, is in question:

"b.) Where the validity of a patent or franchise is concerned:

"(c.) Where the matter in question relates to the taking of annual or other rent, customary or other duty or fee, or a like demand of a general or public nature affecting future rights:

"d.) As provided in the 'County Courts Act' respecting appeals in actions or suits where the amount claimed or counterclaimed or the value of the subject-matter of the action of suit is less than one hundred dollars." Carried.

A general discussion took place on the question of a resident judge, all the Upper Country members taking part, some urging Nelson, others Rossland, the majority favoring Nelson as the more suitable point.

Mr. Macdonald's amendment to strike out the words "City of Nelson," and substituting "County of Kootenay," as a residence for the judge, was lost.

The report was adopted and the bill was read a third time.

Mr. Garden presented the report of the municipal committee. Adopted.

Mr. Oliver introduced a bill to amend the Municipal Clauses Act. Read a first time; second reading next sitting.

Mr. Houston presented the report of the printing committee. Received.

The House adjourned at 5:45 p. m., until 8:30 p. m.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Dr. Young, on Monday next, questions of the Hon. the Minister of Mines:

1. What correspondence has there been with the Gold Commissioner at Atlin in reference to Boulder creek?

2. What action, if any, has the Minister taken in the matter?

3. Is it the intention of the department to introduce legislation to bring about such an equitable condition of affairs as shall conserve the interests of the real developers of the country?

Mr. Oliver to move, upon consideration of the report on bill No. 15, intituled "An Act to amend the 'Municipal Clauses Act,'" to amend sub-section 135, of section 50, chapter 144, R. S., as re-enacted by section 6, chapter 35, 1902, by striking out the words: "Provided there shall be taxes in arrears in respect of the said land, or improvements, or real property for two years prior to the passing of the said by-law" where they occur in the said section.

By Mr. Oliver, on Monday next, questions of the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:

1. Has any damage been done to the city of Vernon by reason of the floods from Long Lake since 1892?

2. If not, what reason had the government for supposing that damage would be done in the future?

By Mr. Oliver on Monday next:

That an order of the House be granted for a return of copies of all correspondence between Albert Gelr and T. R. Williams, of Long Lake, near Vernon, and the Department of Public Works, in reference to damages to the land of the said Albert Gelr and T. R. Williams; also, copies of all correspondence between the Department of Lands and Works and any other person, re the construction of a dam at Long Lake.

THURSDAY NIGHT'S SITTING.

On resuming Thursday at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved the second reading of the bill respecting railway and steamship transportation in certain cases. His argument was that the people of this province were entitled to have their representatives travel free on the railways and steamboats of the province.

Mr. Macdonald thought it wrong to compel the railway and steamship companies to make a present of transportation to members of the legislature. He believed the principle was wrong.

The gist of the bill is as follows:

1. Every railway company operating a railway for the transportation of passengers within British Columbia shall issue and give free transportation within the limits of the province, as a first-class passenger, on all its cars or trains carrying passengers, to the following persons: (a.) To every member of the legislative assembly and, in case of its dissolution, for three months thereafter to every person who was a member of it at the time of its dissolution; (b.) To the surveyor of taxes and inspector of revenue, and to the assessors of taxes for the province.

2. Where any such railway company owns, controls or leases any steamboats or steamships plying within the waters of British Columbia, or waters adjacent thereto, from point to point within the province, it shall issue and give free transportation, as first-class passengers, to all the aforesaid classes of persons on such steamboats or steamships, from any station, wharf or calling place of any such vessel within the province to any other such station, wharf or calling place within the province.

The companies are also enjoined to make a yearly return to the provincial secretary showing the number of persons to whom passes have been issued during the preceding year and why they were issued. Both sections are under penalty of $500 for default by the company.

On the vote being taken the result was 18 to 18. The Speaker gave his casting vote, according to the custom of the house, for the second reading. The bill was read a second time, and committed, Mr. Cotton in the chair.

Mr. Macdonald thought section 3, which compels railway companies to make a return of passes issued and why was an unwarrantable interference with the rights of the companies. He would move that this section be struck out.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite had no particular objection, only that the number of passes issued by railway companies undoubtedly affected the price of transportation to the public. The more passes issued the higher the price of tickets.

Section 3 was accordingly struck out.

Mr. Paterson thought this one of the most absurd bills ever introduced into the house, and he proposed that the committee rise.

The vote resulted in the defeat of the motion to rise.

The committee reported the bill complete with amendments. Report to be considered at next sitting.

LEGAL PROFESSIONS ACT.

Mr. Macdonald moved the second reading of the Legal Professions Act, and briefly outlined the objects of the bill. It was in the direction of making it easier for law clerks to become enrolled as students on the books of the Law Society. Those clerks, bona fide law clerks, would not include bookkeepers.

The second reading passed; committee next sitting.

LABOR ORGANIZATIONS.

Mr. McNiven moved the second reading of the bill respecting the incorporations of labor organizations. He explained that this was a bill aimed to facilitate the process of organization amongst labor unions and to give them the benefit of the law. It would be advisable to place no obstacle in the way of those organizations making themselves amenable to the law.

Hon. Mr. Wilson welcomed this bill and was glad to learn that trades unions were willing to accept full responsibilities.

Mr. Cotton asked how this would apply to international bodies, such as the International Typographical union, of which Mr. McNiven was a member.

Mr. McNiven said that this had been considered and any branch of an international organization could avail itself of the benefit of this act.

Mr. Williams asked the attorney-general what the effect of this would be on Dominion measures of a similar charater.

Hon. Mr. Wilson said the legislature could not give organizations Dominion or international powers, only provincial.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said he knew that a great many trade unions and trades unionists throughout the province were opposed to this bill. He did not know how this bill would affect the bill introduced by himself two years ago and passed.

The bill was read a second time, to be committed next sitting.

HEALTH ACT.

The attorney-general moved that the bill to amend the Health Act be read a third time. Carried and the bill passed.

SUPREME COURT ACT.

Mr. Cameron took the chair in adjourned committee on the Supreme Court bill, which was taken up at section 66.

Mr. Houston's amendment that no barrister shall be compelled to wear a wig in any court in this province passed nemine contradicente.

The committee reported the bill complete with amendments. To be considered at next sitting of the house.

The Premier asked that the E. & N. Settlers' bill be placed first on the list for debate Friday. Agreed.

The house adjourned at 10.47 p.m. until 2 p.m. Friday.

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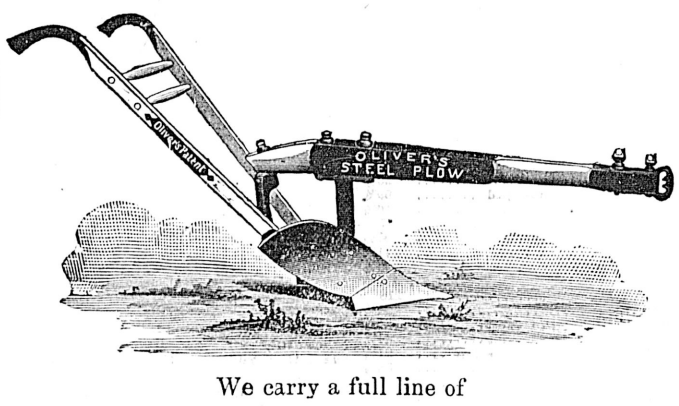

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